

1<sup>st</sup> December 2016

I write following your FOI request dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, in which you asked;

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*We are currently working on a research project related to the Community Remedy (Part 6 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, 2014) and would like to submit the following freedom of information request in three parts. We are conscious of issues around the costs to your organisation of gathering and supplying information to researchers, and so we would appreciate it if you could still provide us with information in relation to Q1 as a priority, and latterly then with information in relation to Q2 and Q3, costs permitting:*

*Q1. What work is the Office for the PCC undertaking to monitor the implementation and uptake of the Community Remedy?*

*Q2. Are there currently any plans to revise your Community Remedy document?*

*Q3. How have you publicised the Community Remedy to the general public?*

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Following my investigation I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland does hold this information.

My response is as follows:

*Q1. What work is the Office for the PCC undertaking to monitor the implementation and uptake of the Community Remedy?*

In terms of implementation of Community Remedy it was completed collaboratively with Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and the Restorative Justice Coordinator for Cleveland Police. The OPCC consulted the public around the list of options, and devised a list of interventions from this.

Work was completed with local agencies to allow for a wide range of interventions as options within Community Remedy. Options range from a restorative justice interventions / conference, Reparation / Unpaid Work, drug / alcohol referrals, Mediation / Anger Management, Fairbridge programme by Princes Trust.

All frontline police officers / PCSO's have had a briefing session around community remedy looking at the processes, benefits of interventions and highlighting the victims choice in the process. It has also been highlighted to officers, along with custody officers, around the benefits of using Community Remedy interventions with conditional cautions rather than using simple cautions.

The Restorative Justice co-ordinator acts as a single point of contact between officers and the agencies involved in delivering the interventions to ensure a simple referral pathway.

*Q2. Are there currently any plans to revise your Community Remedy document?*

Cleveland are currently looking into revising all, out of court disposals, following the pilot programmes that have been facilitated in Leicestershire, Staffordshire and West Yorkshire.

The community remedy interventions / document will form part of this. We have also recently added another intervention, working in collaboration with the fire service, looking at fire setter interventions for any young people who have offences relating to fire setting.

*Q3. How have you publicised Community Remedy to the general public?*

Community Remedy was included in a press release last year when we launched the scheme. It is also advertised on the OPCC and Force websites.



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If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

Mr Stephen Hodgson  
Solicitor  
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland  
Police Headquarters  
Ladgate Lane  
Middlesbrough  
TS8 9EH

or you can follow the complaints procedure found on our website at:

[www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk)

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The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45 Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

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