

17th February 2016

I write following your FOI request dated 19th January 2016 in which you request:

I would like to request the following information for the following years; 2013, 2014 and 2015:

- *The number of authorisations that have been granted in the Cleveland police force area under Section 60AA of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, as amended by the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001, to permit constables to require any person to remove items being worn wholly or mainly for the purpose of concealing identity.*
- *The grounds on which the authorisations were granted.*
- *The locality in which the powers conferred by the authorisations were exercisable.*
- *The period during which the powers conferred by the authorisations were exercisable.*

I note that subsection 6 of Section 60AA makes it a legal requirement to record the above information in writing.

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

Regarding your request I can now inform you that I have completed my enquiries and that my reply on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland is as follows.

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland does not hold this information.

I have spoken to Cleveland Police who inform that they may hold this information and as such I have transferred your request to them for a response to you.

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has a FOI complaints procedure.

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

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: 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

There is no charge for making an appeal.

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