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Your request for a review of the OPCC's handling of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 11th March 2014

Your email dated 29th March 2014 in which you request a review of Mr Bage's response dated 28th March 2014 has been referred to me as a senior person within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner who has had no previous involvement in your original request.

Your email dated 11th March sets out your request as follows:-

"As a result of the end of the employment of the following people with Cleveland Police, please provide full details of the pension contributions and any other payments that were paid or are to be paid by Cleveland Police. I request this information under the Freedom of Information Act.

*Sean Price
Derek Bonnard
Heather Price
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Ann Hall".*

In his response to you dated 28th March 2014, Mr Bage was able to advise you that the OPCC for Cleveland may hold this information, however the generality of your request was such that it would require extensive and detailed examination of the personal files of those named going back over a number of years. As such the cost of compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate limit as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 ("the Regulations").

In compliance with his obligation to offer advice and assistance under section 16 of the FOIA, Mr Bage suggested that you resubmit a more focused, narrower request to enable compliance with the costs limit.

On the 29th March you submitted helpful clarification in the following terms:

"...the information requested is the final settlement pension payments made as a result of the termination of their employment". Mr Bage will now be able to comply with this part of your request and will respond in due course and within the time allowed by the FOIA.

However the next part of your response, that is, *"Also any other payments found to be appropriate which were made to the people named in my previous email"* is again both unclear and so generalised in its scope that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit.

The outcome of my review

Having carefully considered Mr Bage's handling of your request for information, I have considered that the provisions of the FOIA were correctly applied.

I am copying this letter to Mr Bage so that he can forward the information you have requested regarding final settlement pension payments.

I trust this resolves the matter, however in the event that you are still dissatisfied with the handling of your FOIA request, then may I remind you of your right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office who can be contacted at:

www.ico.gov.uk

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

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45.

Yours sincerely,

Lindsey Hall
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