

7th April 2015

I write following your FOI request dated 12th March 2015 in which you request;

Outsourced Police Custody and Detention Services

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the outsourcing of police custody and detention services in your police force:

1. *Is the custody and detention function in your force currently contracted out to a private provider?*
2. *If yes, please provide the following details:*
 - a. *Name of contractor*
 - b. *Duration and end date of current contract with the contractor*
 - c. *Details of any proposed change in the contractor as a result of retendering*
3. *If no, do you have any current plans to enter into any tendering process, or call down services from an existing framework contract, to outsource your custody and detention services?*
4. *The total number of police staff custody and detention officers (full time equivalent please) currently employed by your force, or by the private contractor providing your custody and detention services?*

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 hold some of this information.

I will answer in order.

- 1 Yes
- 2 I am refusing this aspect of your request under s21 of the FOIA as the information you seek is reasonably accessible by other means. In this case it is on our website. It can be found at the following address and is towards the bottom of the page. The company is called TASCOR.
 - a. <http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/Document-Library/Contracts/2014-15/2014-15-Contracts-over-10k.pdf>
- 3 n/a
- 4 I am refusing this aspect of your request as we do not hold this information. However under s16 of the FOIA I am obliged to assist you in trying to find the information you seek. In that vein I can inform you that the organisation that may hold this information is Cleveland Police. They can be found at <http://www.cleveland.police.uk/>

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
Chief of Staff
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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