

7th October 2016

I write following your FOI request in which you request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with copies of the following:

- *Information on how to obtain a licence for growing cannabis.*
- *What department issues licence's for the cultivation of cannabis.*
- *How many licence have been issued from 2000 - 2016.*
 - *Who was said licences issued too.*
 - *Was the licence for medical or research purposes.*

I understand that under the Act I am entitled to a response within 20 working days of your receipt of this request. Some parts of the request may be easier to answer than others. Should this be the case, I request that you release information as soon as possible. If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all non-exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to charge excessive fees. I would prefer to receive the information electronically. If you require any clarification, I expect you to contact me under your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance if you find any aspect of this FOI request problematic. Please acknowledge receipt of this request, and I look forward to receiving the information in the near future.

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.

s16 of the FOIA requires me to try and assist you in seeking the information you have asked for. In that vein I understand that this information may be held by Cleveland Police.

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 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

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.