



## Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

### Freedom of Information Act Request Response No. 16012017-1

#### Question

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- The number of complaints about police officers illegally accessing the Police National Computer
- The number of complaints about force civilian staff illegally accessing the Police National Computer
- Please detail the outcome of those complaints (numbers of police officers disciplined/prosecuted/suspended/sacked/no action, numbers of police staff disciplined/prosecuted/suspended/sacked/no action)
- Please detail for what purposes (where known) those police officers and staff unlawfully accessed the PNC

Please provide the information for calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016 –Jan-Dec.

#### Answer

The information you are requesting is not held by OPCC in any reasonably retrievable form. The only means of establishing information of the nature you are requesting would be by way of manual examination of each letter of complaint received. This is because the OPCC is responsible for the commissioning of services and under the legislation Northamptonshire Police is responsible for investigating any misconduct committed by officers and staff members

It is my assessment that the cost of providing you with the information requested would exceed the 'appropriate level' as set out in the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

My assessment is that it would cost 2500 x 5 minutes each (minimum) = over 200 hours at £25 per hour to respond to your request, which exceeds the 'appropriate limit' (currently £450 for 'prescribed costs').

In view of the above, and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please take this letter as a Refusal Notice.

You may wish to refine and resubmit your request so that it reduces the costs shown above and is then within the 'appropriate limit' shown above. (I cannot think of a means to refine the request in order to provide the information you are seeking) but if you would like some further information about how to proceed with your request then please contact the undersigned.

I trust you find this information to be satisfactory but if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

The OPCC provides a review and appeals procedure within the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If you decide to make an appeal and, having followed the full process you are still dissatisfied, you will then have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give due consideration to the matter.