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FOI Reference: OPCC 139-15

Request:

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

A list of FOIA Requests considered “Vexatious” that resulted in you not providing information.

Vexatious includes requests that;

- clearly does not have any serious purpose or value
- is designed to cause disruption or annoyance
- has the effect of harassing the public authority
- can otherwise fairly be characterised as obsessive or manifestly unreasonable.

Example;

“Please provide a list of all cars owned that are blue”

Response

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which:

- a) States that fact
- b) Specifies the exemption(s) in question and
- c) State (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies

I can confirm that there is no information held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) as no FOI requests have been deemed ‘Vexatious’ which resulted in the OPCC not providing information.

Disclosed under FOI on 16.04.15