

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

OPCC 4 - 2025

Date request received : 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Request

You asked us:

I am wondering if you can direct me to your public comments on the dispensing of former Supt Gary Davies a senior officer with Dyfed Powys Police.

I have not seen anything from you but if you have issued a statement please forgive me.

If you have not issued a public statement, then may I kindly ask why not?

I am also concerned that the investigation into Davies's behaviour took 3 years, this is an absolute disgrace and unacceptable.

Can you also provide clarity if this matter was referred to the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC)?

Can you also advise me when the first complaint about Davies's behaviour came to light and was this acted upon immediately?

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

## Our response

We can confirm that we hold some of the information which you have requested above and that we are applying an exemption in relation to part of your request. The detailed responses to each question can be found below:

*Q1. I am wondering if you can direct me to your public comments on the dispensing of former Supt Gary Davies a senior officer with Dyfed Powys Police*

Please find the public comments of the PCC on the link here: [Former police superintendent Gary Davies dismissed following gross misconduct hearing | Dyfed-Powys Police](#)

*Q2. Can you also provide clarity if this matter was referred to the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC)?*

We can confirm that we do not hold this information. It may or may not be held by Dyfed-Powys Police Force. You can contact them through one of the methods below:

Online: <https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/rip/request-information-police/>

Email: [FOI@dyfed-powys.police.uk](mailto:FOI@dyfed-powys.police.uk)

*Q3. Can you also advise me when the first complaint about Davies's behaviour came to light and was this acted upon immediately?*

We can confirm that we do hold this information. Dyfed-Powys Police provide the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner with timeliness reports which are provided when the appropriate authority for dealing with the matter is the Chief Officer.

Below is an example of what a timeliness report may include:

Where a local investigation is not complete within 12 months, the appropriate authority must provide the following information, in writing, to the local policing body (where the appropriate authority is the chief officer and the IOPC:

- The date on which:
  - The complaint was made: or
  - The conduct matter or DSI matter to which the investigation relates came to the attention of the appropriate authority
- The date on which any notice of a severity assessment was given;
- The progress of the investigation;
- An estimate of when the report on the investigation will be submitted to the appropriate authority to IOPC as the case may ne:
- The reason for the length of time being taken to complete the investigation; and
- A summary of planned steps to progress the investigation and bring it to a conclusion.

The 12 months starts from:

- The day on which the complaint was made; or
- The day on which the conduct matter or DSI matter to which the investigation relates came to the attention of the appropriate authority.

However, we have applied the following exemption to this question:

#### Section 41 – Confidentiality

- (1) Information is exempt information if -
  - (a) It was obtained by a public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and
  - (b) The disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have been given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.

#### **Next steps**

You can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. You can request a review by writing to the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer at [opcc@dyfed-powys.police.uk](mailto:opcc@dyfed-powys.police.uk).

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the [Information Commissioner's Office](#) (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints).

