

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

### Decision notice

**Date:** 29 May 2024

**Public Authority:** Chief Constable of Surrey Police

**Address:** Police Headquarters  
Mount Browne  
Sandy Lane  
Guildford  
GU3 1HG

#### **Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from the Chief Constable of Surrey Police on 13 March 2024:

"Please provide the following information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, since 01/01/2023 in excel format:

1. vehicles/VRMs\*, make and model, reported stolen with the date of loss and of these:

a. those recovered – the date of recovery associated with the vehicle

b. those that were 'weeded'\*\* - the date of the weed

2. the date the weeded VRMs/vehicles were reinstated on PNC LoS

The weeded VRMs/vehicles currently not recorded LoS on PNC will be identifiable from the above as they will have a weed date but no reinstatement date.

3. Additionally, the process (receipt of reminders\*\*\* and activity) and your policy your policy concerning weeding (as opposed to the PNC manual procedure)."

**Commissioner's Decision:**

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore, the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

**Steps:**

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

**Right of Appeal:**

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRC & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
LEICESTER,  
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

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Email: [grc@justice.gov.uk](mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk)

Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber)

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

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