

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Decision notice**

**Date:** **5 July 2024**

**Public Authority:** **Chief Constable of Humberside Police**  
**Address:** **Police Headquarters**  
**Priory Road**  
**Hull**  
**HU5 5SF**

Decision (including any steps ordered)

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1. The complainant has requested information from Chief Constable of Humberside Police ("the public authority").
2. The Commissioner's decision is that the above public authority ("the public authority") breached section 10(1) of FOIA by failing to provide a valid response to the request within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days.
3. The Commissioner does not require further steps to be taken, as the complainant has now withdrawn their request.

Request and response

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4. On 24 March 2024, the complainant wrote to the public authority and requested information in the following terms:  

"Please inform the members of the public when you intend to publish your internal review compliance statistics on your website."
5. The public authority acknowledged the information request and apologised for the delay in providing a response on 16 May 2024.
6. On 8 June 2024, the complainant informed the public authority that the request could be considered closed. However, they affirmed that they

would be submitting a complaint to the ICO regarding a breach of section 10(1) of FOIA.

### **Scope of the case**

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7. The complainant has confirmed that they wish to have the late response formally recorded.

### **Reasons for decision**

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8. Section 1(1) of FOIA states that:

“Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled –

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.”

9. Section 10(1) of FOIA states that a public authority must respond to a request promptly and “not later than the twentieth working day following the date of receipt”.
10. From the evidence provided to the Commissioner in this case, it is clear that the public authority did not deal with the request for information in accordance with FOIA. The Commissioner finds that the public authority has breached section 10(1) by failing to respond to the request within 20 working days.

## Right of appeal

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11. 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

Fax: 0870 739 5836

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)

12. If you wish to appeal against a decision notice, you can obtain information on how to appeal along with the relevant forms from the Information Tribunal website.
13. Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner's Office**  
**Wycliffe House**  
**Water Lane**  
**Wilmslow**  
**Cheshire**  
**SK9 5AF**