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## Request

"This FOI request is for each year to be broken down into the MERSEYSIDE POLICE payments made to the ICO for it regulation fees that they have owed each year between the dates above

Can you please indicate for each year separately to be itemised down? can you indicate whether any payments were made LATE & what date they should have been paid on?

Can you indicate whether the ICO had to remind them once or MORE in each year to pay their fees ?

Can you indicate whether the ICO sent out any 'enforcement' letters to Merseyside Police in any year and on what dates?

Can you indicate whether any enforcement fines were made against Merseyside Police in this time?"

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA). As you are probably aware, this legislation provides public access to recorded information held by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

#### Our response

I can confirm we hold information in scope of your request.

To clarify, there are two registrations associated with 'Merseyside Police.' These are:

Chief Constable Merseyside Police – Registration number Z4888071 Merseyside Police Federation – Z8184787

Due to our retention schedule, we hold information regarding these registrations



for the past two years. Other than the date a registration was first created and its expiry date, information older than this is automatically deleted.

Chief Constable of Merseyside Police first registered on 9 September 2000 and the registration expires on 8 September 2023. Payments for the last 2 years are shown as being received on 13 September 2021 and 8 August 2022.

For the renewal due on 8 September 2021 we automatically issued a renewal reminder by email on 28 July 2021 and then automatically issued a further reminder by letter on 18 August 2021 and payment was received on 13 September 2021.

Please note that although the above payment registers as being received late, this is not necessarily due to payment actually being made late – the date of payment received is when it is entered into our system, and so this may have been due to a backlog of processing payments on our end.

For the renewal due on 8 September 2022 we automatically issued a renewal reminder by email on 21 July 2022 and payment was received on 8 August before the need to issue any further reminders.

No enforcement letters or fines were issued to this registration during the last 2 year period.

Merseyside Police Federation first registered on 19 September 2003 and the registration expires on 18 September 2023. Payments for the last 2 years are shown as being received on 14 September 2021 and 13 September 2022.

For the renewal due on 18 September 2021 we automatically issued a renewal reminder by email on 7 August 2021 and payment was received on 14 September 2021 before the need to issue any further reminders.

For the renewal due on 18 September 2022 we automatically issued a renewal reminder by email on 31 July 2022 and then automatically issued a further reminder by email on 9 September 2022 before receiving payment on 13 September 2022.

No enforcement letters or fines were issued to this registration during the last 2 year period.

The above consists of all information currently held on our systems that falls within scope of your request. Please note that there was a similar request made



to ourselves in 2019 regarding late payments from Merseyside Police. Although this case is not longer on our systems, the request and our response can be found via whatdotheyknow.com at the following link:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/merseyside police annual fee to

This concludes our response to your request.

# FOI review procedure

If you are dissatisfied and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled you should write to the Information Access Team at the address below or e-mail <a href="mailto:icoaccessinformation@ico.org.uk">icoaccessinformation@ico.org.uk</a>.

Your request for internal review should be submitted to us within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the discretion of the Commissioner.

If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right of appeal to this office in our capacity as the statutory complaint handler under the legislation.

To make such an application, please write to our Customer Contact Team at the address given or visit our website if you wish to make a complaint under the FOIA.

## Your information

Please note that our <u>Privacy notice</u> explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us and what your rights are.

This includes entries regarding the specific purpose and legal basis for the ICO processing information that people that have provided us with, such as an information requester.

The length of time we keep information is laid out in our retention schedule, which can be found <u>here</u>.

Yours sincerely





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