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Request

You asked us:

"Please see my correspondence with your Nicola Kemp below and her suggestion that I submit an FOIA request to you for the correspondence between yourselves and the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) concerning FOIA requests being made on Twitter. I would be grateful if you could provide that correspondence. I have copied my original email to her below for additional context."

We received your request on 25 July 2023. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

In order to establish if we hold information, I have conducted reasonable searches in the places where such advice would most likely be held. These include the following:

- Records of any requests for advice recorded in our case management system;
- Made enquiries with our Relationship Management Service, who have regular contact with the IOPC; and
- Made enquiries with our FOI complaint team, who handle FOI complaints about public authorities, including the IOPC.

Following these searches, I can confirm we do not hold information in scope of your request.

However, please bear in mind the fact that just because we do not hold *recorded* information in scope of your request does not mean that advice was not provided on this topic. The IOPC could have, for example, phoned our help line and asked

a question. We do not record calls, so there would be no record of this conversation happening.

You may wish to make a request to the IOPC for any record of the advice that they received from us.

This concludes our response to your request.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full review procedure [here](#).

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can [raise a complaint through our website](#).

Your information

Our [Privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and set out your rights. Our retention schedule can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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