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Request

The Police have implemented a new 'Annex 6' disclosure request form in line with a Protocol which came into force earlier this year (https://www.judiciary.uk/guidance-and-resources/launch-of-the-disclosure-of-information-between-family-and-criminal-agencies-and-jurisdictions-2024-protocol/).

Our local Police force are insisting that the form is being used for all disclosure requests, not just those relating to family law. **Has the ICO had sight of / input into this process**, and is it the ICO's view that it should cover all disclosure requests (including those for address details for fraud cases, etc) or does the ICO consider this to be a local matter for Forces / Local Authorities to deal with, please?

We received your request on 6 September 2024

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

We do not hold information within the scope of your request.

It may be helpful to explain that our main stakeholder relating to police matters is the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC), who represent policing as a whole. When considering issues of governance and policy, such as this, we would engage with the NPCC, rather than on an individual force level.

Having consulted with the relevant department within the ICO, we can confirm that we have not engaged with the NPCC or your local police force, West Yorkshire Police, about the disclosure protocol request form.

You may wish to contact West Yorkshire Police or the NPCC directly about this.

This concludes our response.



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

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Yours sincerely



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