

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

**Date:** 13 August 2024

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

**Address:** PO Box 2  
Springfield  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM2 6DA

**Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from Chief Constable of Essex Police on 19 April 2024:

“Essex Police's final internal problem profile produced for 2023

Essex Police's final internal problem profile produced for 2022

Please note my definition of 'problem profile' is the document produced by Essex Police which, as the College of Policing states, would be used to "provide a greater understanding of established and emerging crime or incident series, priority locations or other identified high-risk issues".

**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

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)

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  
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Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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