

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 19 September 2024

Public Authority: Chief Constable Cleveland Police

Address: St Marks House
St Marks Court
Thornaby
Stockton on Tees
TS17 6QW

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Cleveland Police on 2 April 2024:

"To date what is the total amount of victims statements that have been taken face to face, how many have been taken via the telephone and/or other means of communication and how many are yet to be signed by the victims.

To date how many victims have informed you that they were brutally beaten in the presence of police officers and what actions have you taken. For example, making a senior officer aware.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/32808022...>

To date from the overall number of victims that have informed you that they were brutally beaten in the presence of police officers, how many have you then gone onto inform them that their statement will not be used in any criminal case."

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. From the evidence presented to the Commissioner in this case, Cleveland Police failed to respond to the request within 20 working days, and therefore breached section 10 of FOIA.

The Commissioner does not require Cleveland Police to take any steps as a result of this decision.

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

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Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: 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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