

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

**Date:** 17 April 2025

**Public Authority:** Surrey Police

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### **Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from Surrey Police on 3 January 2025:

"I have no knowledge of Surrey Police's systems and databases, and therefore it's hard for me to understand what data will be missing through limiting the request to the number of crime reports from your crime recording system. Considering this, I would like to understand if it's the crime recording system or another system that is used to (a) manage post mortems and to (b) manage cases with the coroner, and if that system/ those systems can be included within your response. My understanding is that Surrey Police, and all forces, monitor suicides to, amongst other activities, identify and report on trends: can that database be included in your search?"

### **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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