

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

### **Decision notice**

**Date:** 25 April 2022

**Public Authority:** Chief Constable of Kent Police  
**Address:** Police Headquarters  
Sutton Road  
Maidstone  
ME15 9BZ

### **Decision (including any steps ordered)**

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1. The complainant requested information from the Chief Constable of Kent Police ("Kent Police") about the theft of Range Rover Sport motor vehicles for the period between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2021.
2. The Commissioner's decision is that Kent Police breached section 10(1) of FOIA by failing to provide a valid response to the request within the statutory time frame of 20 working days. No steps are required.

### **Request and response**

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3. On 10 March 2022, the complainant made the following request for information:

"With regard to Range Rover Sport motor vehicles I am seeking for the period 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021, by month, in excel format:

1. The number stolen per month
2. The month in which recovered, if recovered
3. The age of each of the above vehicles
4. The value of each of the above vehicles (the value given / recorded / held)
5. Whether they were believed to be stolen with keys
6. Whether they were recovered with or without collision damage
7. The registration marks of the vehicles (to assist with determining model, age, specification and value)."

4. Kent Police responded to the request for information on 20 April 2022.

### **Scope of the case**

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5. The complainant contacted the Commissioner on 9 April 2022 to complain about Kent Police's failure to respond to their request within the statutory time frame of FOIA.
6. The Commissioner has considered whether Kent Police has complied with its obligations in relation to the time for compliance at section 10(1) of FOIA.

### **Reasons for decision**

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7. Section 1(1) of the FOIA states that:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled –

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him."
8. Section 10(1) of FOIA states that a public authority must respond to a request promptly and "not later than the twentieth working day following the date of receipt".
9. From the evidence provided to the Commissioner in this case, it is clear that Kent Police did not deal with the request for information in accordance with FOIA. The Commissioner finds that Kent Police has breached section 10(1) by failing to respond to the request within 20 working days.

## Right of appeal

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10. 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: 0300 1234504

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)

11. If you wish to appeal against a decision notice, you can obtain information on how to appeal along with the relevant forms from the Information Tribunal website.
12. Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Signed .....**

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