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Your Ref:  
Our Ref: F-2013-01583

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Dear XXXX

**FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT 2000 Reference No: F-2013-01583**

Thank you for your request for Information, received at this office on 09 October, 2013, in which you requested details of the following:

Request for information on the number of sexual and violent assaults reported since 2010

The Freedom of Information Act requires that this request is dealt with in a manner that is motive and applicant blind. A disclosure under this legislation is considered a disclosure to the world and is considered to be on the basis that it is in the public interest.

This response is unique to Humberside Police and you are advised not to compare this like for like with any other force's response you receive.

**Humberside Police Response**

A) the number of sexual and violent assaults reported to you since 2010 (broken down by year - i.e: the last 3 years)

<b><u>Violent Crime Recorded</u></b>	<b><u>Sexual Crime Recorded</u></b>
<b>2010 – 14,581</b>	<b>2010 – 1,217</b>
<b>2011 – 14,436</b>	<b>2011 – 1,214</b>
<b>2012 – 13,092</b>	<b>2012 – 1,159</b>
<b>2013 – 10,125</b>	<b>2013 - 952</b>

b) the number of these reports that were then investigated

**All these types of crime are investigated**

c) the number of investigated reports that then ended in a prosecution

We are unable to provide prosecution data as it is the Crown Prosecution Service who decide if there is sufficient evidence to proceed to court, and it is the courts who eventually prosecute. To determine the outcome of each case at court would entail accessing the individual record of each offender. There are nigh on 57,000 crimes totalled above. We estimate that it would take at least 15 minutes per case to try and determine whether a conviction was reached at court by cross referencing several Police systems. I calculate that it would take a member of staff over 14,000 hours to provide a result. The Freedom of Information Act states that if data is not held in an easily retrievable format (which this is not) and the

data cannot be retrieved within 18 hours, then we are not obliged to proceed. I am therefore obligated to cite Section 12 of the Act – Over the Appropriate Fees Limit. Please see below for full details:

You may find that within the document(s) provided information has been redacted. Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Humberside Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. This letter acts as that notice.

## **Section 12 – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.**

(1) s1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the 'appropriate limit' (18 – hours).

Activities that may be counted within our time estimations are:

\*Determining whether the information is held \*Locating and retrieving the information, whatever its format and wherever its held \*Once only reading the information \*Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information \*Communicating the information including time taken to write a response to the request, or to summarise, edit or redact information; and \*Time spent making arrangements for an applicant to view documents, books, videos, and electronically held information.

The following have not been included within our calculations:

\*Our decision making process to whether the request is covered by Freedom of Information \*Time taken in gaining legal advice or referral of the request to any other department to determine whether a piece of information is exempt.

\*Assessing the extent of the public interest test \*Obtaining authorisation to send out the information  
\*Managing the fees notice \*General overheads

Should you need to discuss this further please contact Paul Waller, Information Compliance Officer on the above details.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Waller  
Information Compliance Officer  
Information Compliance Unit - Humberside

## Humberside Police – Freedom of Information Complaints Review Procedure

### Why Have A Complaints Process?

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Humberside Police is committed to delivering an open and transparent service whenever possible and it is our intention to commit to the principles of openness embodied in the Freedom of Information Act. We will release information to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the public interest, however we may withhold information if we consider its release would cause significant harm.

If information within a document is withheld, it will be clearly marked to show where information has been removed and the legal exemption we have used. If we decline to supply all or part of any information you have asked for we will notify you in writing giving our reasons based upon legal exemptions contained within the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are not satisfied about the way in which your Freedom of Information request has been handled you have the right to appeal. This information has been designed to help you to understand how to complain to Humberside Police. Using this process will not affect your right to complain directly to the Information Commissioner if you feel we have not complied with our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act.

### Who Can Complain?

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Anyone who has made a Freedom of Information request in writing to the Force can complain. If you have requested information and you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with it, you can use the complaints process to have it looked at again. If someone who requested information would like to complain but cannot do so themselves, you can complain on their behalf but it will help us if you make it clear that you are doing so.

### What Can I Complain About?

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If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request, with the fee we have charged, or with the reasons we have given for refusing to provide information, you have the right to appeal. You can complain about the range, amount and format of information we have sent following a request. You can also complain about the way a request was handled, for example, the time it took to respond.

### How Do I Complain?

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To deal with your complaint as quickly as possible, it will help if you can give us as much information as you can about the original request made and the reason for your complaint. Please put your complaint in writing and address it to:

FOI Appeals

[Humberside Police Information Compliance Unit](#)

Police Headquarters

Priory Road

Hull HU5 5SF

### What Happens To My Complaint?

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Chief Constable Ms J Curran QPM      Deputy Chief Constable D J Griffin QPM, MA  
Assistant Chief Constable (Operations Support) A Leaver      Assistant Chief Constable (Operations) S M Donald QPM, MA  
Assistant Chief Officer (Support) P S Goatley BA (Hons), CPFA      Assistant Chief Officer (Human Resources) I Watson MBA, MSc, FCIPD  
Web site: [www.humberside.police.uk](http://www.humberside.police.uk)

Once we have enough details to identify the request, we will begin the review. The Head of The Information Compliance Unit will normally review your complaint. In the more complex cases a review panel consisting of a number of senior personnel from the Force will re-examine your complaint. We aim to complete the review process within 20 days of receiving your complaint. Upon completion we will send you the findings.

### **How Will I Be Notified?**

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Where we have not followed procedures or have failed to provide acceptable quality of service, we will apologise and explain what we will do to ensure this doesn't happen again. If our original decision to withhold information is over-turned on appeal we will send you the additional information immediately. If we believe that our original response was correct we will let you know, and inform you of your options (see below).

### **What If I'm Still Not Satisfied?**

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If we have been unable to resolve your complaint and you are not satisfied you can approach the office of the Information Commissioner, who may investigate the matter on your behalf. This option is open to you at all times, but we will endeavour to address your complaint initially, as this may lead to a speedier resolution. It is the Information Commissioner who decides whether to investigate or not. We will co-operate fully with the Information Commissioner.

If you have any further questions about the complaints process, please contact the Information Compliance Unit on 01482 317097 or alternatively you can write to:

Head of Information Compliance Unit  
Humberside Police Headquarters  
Priory Road  
Hull HU5 5SF  
Email: [Informationcomplianceunit@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Informationcomplianceunit@humberside.pnn.police.uk)

Requests for a review by the Information Commissioner should be made in writing directly to:

The Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
**Phone: 01625 545 700**  
**[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)**