

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
CON-27937/SF

Sent via email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI821 – CON-027937**

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

#### **Your request:**

1. In your (the PCC) discussions with stakeholders, including the Police and Council, prior to the march was consideration given to the risk to the statue?
2. If so, what assessment of risk resulted?
3. If the assessment identified a risk why were adequate resources not deployed to address the risk?
4. A breakdown of the number of contacts supporting Police action/inaction over the felling of the statue and subsequent events.
5. A breakdown of the number of complaints about the Police action/inaction over the felling of the statue and subsequent events.

#### **Our response:**

1. The PCC has no operational involvement in the response to this incident. The co-ordination of the police response to the Black Lives Matter protest on the 7th June 2020 was the responsibility of the senior officers of Avon and Somerset Police acting under delegated authority from the Chief Constable. Therefore there is no record of the PCC liaising with any agency regarding the statue prior to the incident.
2. Please see response 1.
3. This information is not held. Please contact Avon and Somerset Police who were responsible for operational response to this incident.
4. 1278 in total – A breakdown of action and inaction is not held.
5. This information is not held as the PCC is not the appropriate authority for complaints about the service or conduct of officers below the rank of Chief Constable. This information is held by Avon and Somerset Police Professional Standards Department as the appropriate authority.

If you have any queries about this letter then please contact me, quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy about how your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision then you should write to:

The Interim Chief Executive  
Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's Office  
Valley Road  
Portishead  
Bristol  
BS20 8JJ

Please note, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office provides you with the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. The appeals document is attached for your reference.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

*Freedom of Information Officer*

**Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioners Office**