

Date 10/03/2021
CON-029427 FOI 852/BM

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 852 – CON-029427

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on the 23rd February 2021.

Your request:

In accordance with the provisions of the FOI Act please confirm:

1. The person to whom the function of making arrangements for dealing with complaints reported against the Chief Constable has been delegated to
2. The instrument used to delegate the function of making arrangements for dealing with complaints reported against the Chief Constable, for example whether the delegation has been made in accordance with the Scheme of Corporate Governance or any other instrument
3. The person identified as being the 'appropriate authority' as defined under s. 29.1 (a) (i) of the Police Reform Act 2002, in order to meet the obligations prescribed for the appropriate authority within the IOPC Statutory Guidance on the Police Complaints System

Our response:

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner is the Local Policing Body and responsible for complaints against the Chief Constable. As Chief Executive in the office of Police and Crime Commissioner, the PCC has delegated responsibility to the CEO for the handling of complaints against the Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset Constabulary.
2. Under section 4.73 of the Home Office Guidance: Conduct, Efficiency and Effectiveness – Statutory Guidance on Professional Standards, Performance and Integrity in Policing.

3. For Avon and Somerset, in the case of Chief Constable complaints the appropriate authority is the Police and Crime Commissioner, also known as the Local Policing Body. The handling of these complaints is delegated to the Chief Executive. For complaints below the rank of Chief Constable or regarding police service levels the appropriate authority is the Professional Standards Department of Avon and Somerset Police under delegated authority from the Chief Constable.

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