

30th March 2021
CON-29608/BM

Sent via email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI858– CON-029608

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

Your request:

1. How many reports did you receive from whistleblowers in 2019 and in 2020?
2. How many people do you have in your organisation that are trained/permited to take reports from whistleblowers?
3. What training have the people in question number 2 received in whistleblowing?
4. What cost, if any, was there for this training?
5. Which organisation delivered each course?
6. What is the name of the person that arranged this training and what is their email address?
7. What methods do you have for whistleblowers to contact a person that is authorised to take their report and what are the specific details of these, i.e., email addresses, telephone numbers etc?
8. What are the email addresses for the people authorised to receive whistleblower reports?
9. How many whistleblowers have left the organisation within 12 months of making a report?
10. How many whistleblowers have made an allegation of 'detriment' against your organisation?

Our response:

1. The PCC's office did not receive any reports from whistleblowers in 2019 or 2020.
2. Two individuals are trained/permited to take reports from whistleblowers. The Police & Crime Commissioner is one of those, she delegates this responsibility to the Chief Executive Officer.
3. In-house training has been completed within the organisation by all team members, no formal training has been conducted.
4. There has been no cost to this training.
5. No organisation has delivered a course.
6. N/A as no organisation has delivered a course.
7. Please see the following link to our whistleblowing policy: <https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/reports-publications/policies-procedures/whistleblowing-policy/>
8. The Chief Executive and Police and Crime Commissioner – details of how to contact the team are available [here](#).
9. None
10. None

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