

26 April 2021  
Ref: SM/CON-029722/RH/EJ

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Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 860 / 29722**

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on 7 April 2021.

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**

A response to your request for information is provided below, with answers in blue:

Question 1: Re: Out of Court Disposals Scrutiny Panels. Whether there is a scrutiny panel in existence in your area, and whether this is active

Answer 1: Yes there is an active OCCD panel in Avon and Somerset, which is run by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Question 2: And if there is an active scrutiny panel in your area: Who attends the panel on a regular basis

Answer 2: The panel members consist of criminal justice key stakeholders (CPS/HMCTS/YOT), Magistrates, victim support services and an independent chair, with guest speakers from the constabulary each panel depending on theme. It meets quarterly, however, in the year 20/21 the panel met in December and March due to capacity issue in the team as a result of Covid.

Question 3: What the outcomes of the panel are, and how they are shared with the police and public.

Answer 3: The panel scrutinise a number of cases and rate them using a RAG rating of appropriateness. A full report is then compiled and shared with the constabulary for feedback, including recommendations for improvement and learning to be issued to officers. Both Panel and Police reports are then published on the OPCC website for the public to view. Further information can be found on the OPCC website - <https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/reports-publications/out-court-disposals-reports/>

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 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/> or on 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 if you prefer to use a national rate number.

Yours sincerely,

***Freedom of Information Officer***