



23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021  
CON-29742/BM

Sent via email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI861– CON-029742**

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on the 9 April 2021.

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**

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

1. How long does your Independent Scrutiny of Police Powers Panel meet? **Onsite meetings are 6.5 hours and remote meetings are 2.5 hours.**
  - I) What date (DD/MM/YYYY) was the panel first operational? **13/6/2017.**
  - II) How many of the people currently on the panel are from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background? (could you also tell me the total number of people on the panel as of the currently date) **7 of 14.**
  - III) How many of the identified BAME panel members are black? **4.**
2. Are panel members made to review a sample of stop and search and related body-worn video footage in meetings?. This can be a simple Yes or No answer. **Members are not made to do anything. See PCC website for Panel reports on reviewing Stop and Search incidents and BWV footage. <https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/reports-publications/scrutiny-police-powers-panel-reports/>**
3. What sort of mandatory training do panel members receive in order to perform their role?. **Mandatory induction training is provided in relation to reviewing BWV footage, Stop Search policing practice and Taser deployment and use of force. In addition to this, non-mandatory training is offered including; ongoing panel meeting training topics and observational training, for example: Taser training for Police Officers and De-escalation training.**

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**