

10/11/2022
REF FOI940 – CON-33709/BM

Sent via email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI940 33709

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on the 25th October 2022.

Your request:

Per the Freedom of information Act. Please provide me with the information contained in your records as follows:

Please supply all holdings of up-to-date surety fiduciary bonds, for quality assurance for the rights and perusal of the members of the public you serve?

Our response:

No information held.

We have been guided by advice provided by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC), National Police FOI & DP Central Referral Unit (NPFDU) in relation to this request, which is as follows:

'Initial checks reveal that forces and OPCCs will not hold information relevant to this request. According to open source information, a fiduciary is someone, or entity placed in a position of trust over the financial affairs of another. A surety bond therefore, is put in place to prevent the fiduciary from abusing that position of trust, such as committing fraud for example.

In short, the majority of police force expenditure may well originate from the public purse, but forces are not a trustee of the financial affairs of the public. No such bond is necessary.'

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 Of Staff
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