

DATE 8th September 2023
REF FOI 512

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 512

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

Your request:

This is a submission of an FOI request concerning the allocation of funding for victim support services in your local area.

In particular, we are interested in seeing a break down in funding grants for local victim services, for both multi-crime services and specialist domestic abuse services, with the names of individual grantees included. Funding allocations made within the last 12 months will suffice.

Our response:

This information is routinely published on our website [here](#), however having reviewed the information available we have identified that some information is missing, or not up to date. Now this has come to notice we will be updating the website and as such the information should be available in the near future.

Our obligations under the freedom of information legislation is to provide the requested information unless an exemption under the legislation is applicable.

In this case, the information that is already published is exempt by virtue of section 21, "information reasonably accessible by other means".

The updates we are due to undertake will be published imminently, as such this information is also exempt by virtue of section 22 "information intended for future publication".

Section 22 is a qualified exemption and therefore we are required to carry out a public interest test which is as follows:

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure

Disclosure of the information under FOIA would be consistent with our commitment to proactively publish data on matters of a wider public interest.

Factors against disclosure

As stated above this is information would routinely be published by the OPCC.

Now that the inaccuracies and missing information have been identified, the updated information is currently being worked on. To provide this information prior to the publication would involve the OPCC carrying out additional work diverting them from other duties and requirements of the OPCC.

Balance

I have reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under section 22 of the FOIA at this time.

This information is due to be updated in due course and should be available on our website at the link above. It is my understanding that this information should be available within the next month, so would suggest you review our website again at that time.

If you have any problems, or if the information hasn't been published at that time please contact me.

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