

DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024  
REF 722

Sent via email: request-1052983-08fb1c55@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 722**

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**Your request:**

Can you provide a policy which covers pension abatement, I am particularly interested in any abatement policy or documents which may detail how pension abatement is handled, particularly including the re-employment of senior police officers, whether that be by your authority, any other police authority or even any fire authority.

Secondly, can you give me any numbers of senior officers re-employed under the circumstances described above, and how many from that total number have had pension abatement applied to their pensions?

**Our response:**

It is my understanding that Pension abatement is relevant when an officer retires and then returns to the force.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner therefore does not hold any information relevant to your request.

It may be that information is held by Avon and Somerset Police.

Please let me know if you would like me to transfer your request? Alternatively you can make a request directly [here](#).

The only pension policy that I have identified can be found [here](#).

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**