

24/09/2025

REF: RM/I-Case 1666216 FOI817

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – CON-FOI817

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on 30th August 2025.

Your request:

Under the terms of the 2000 FoI Act, I request disclosure of information held by the PCCs office showing how the PCC is taking forward the policy to create an Office of Violence Prevention in the West of England. This follows the West of England metro-mayor answering a written public question at the WECA Committee meeting in July with the information that the PCC is taking the lead role on forming an OVP. The disclosure should include any information relating to the handover from the mayoral combined authority and any preliminary costings and time scale.

Our response:

We do not hold any information pertaining to a handover of an Office of Violence Prevention development from WECA to the PCC and there is no policy in place currently or project plan.

This area of business is under consideration by the PCC and examples of national best practice are being explored. There is an aspiration of the PCC to strengthen the engagement of our local communities in addressing the issues of serious youth violence and ways in which this could be realised are being explored.

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



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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