

Our Ref: oPCC FOI 1133 Date: 30 November 2016

Dear

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 1133

REQUEST

Dear Sir/Madam, We are currently working on a research project related to the Community Remedy (Part 6 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, 2014) and would like to submit the following freedom of information request in three parts. We are conscious of issues around the costs to your organisation of gathering and supplying information to researchers, and so we would appreciate it if you could still provide us with information in relation to Q1 as a priority, and latterly then with information in relation to Q2 and Q3, costs permitting: Q1. What work is the Office for the PCC undertaking to monitor the implementation and uptake of the Community Remedy? Q2. Are there currently any plans to revise your Community Remedy document? Q3. How have you publicised the Community Remedy to the general public?

RESPONSE

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides two distinct but related rights of access to information, which impose corresponding duties on public authorities. These are:

- Section 1(1)(a) the duty to inform the applicant whether or not information is held by the authority, and, if so,
- Section 1(1)(b) the duty to communicate that information to the applicant.

Therefore in accordance with 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the response to your request for information is one of no information held. As you may be aware, FOI legislation concerns recorded information only. A public authority is not obliged to create data purely to facilitate a request.

However, through the course of my enquiries I discovered the below information which hopefully will provide you with some clarity regarding this matter.

- 1) The range of disposals available under the Community Remedy were implemented in 2014 and have since been regarded as 'business as usual'. They are subject to monitoring as any other police business, usually through the force's performance team.
- 2) There are currently no plans for the Commissioner to revise the Community Remedy document or to
- 3) Carry out further any publicising other than what is already available on the website.



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The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Telephone: 08456 306060 or 01625 545745

Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire