



Our Ref: oPCC FOI 1148

Date: 16 February 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 1148

REQUEST

That said, the years have gone by and the stagnant racial inequalities remain ref SJA section 95 race equality data. I would be grateful and in attempt to be helpful to ask under existing FOI Law:

1. The data SYP / OPCC collects regarding Section 95 CJA for the last 3 years and disaggregated if possible across the districts
2. Any action plans, consultations associated with actually addressing the substantive racial inequalities, including showing how BME citizens in Doncaster has been given opportunities to collaborate in this process ?

Clarification:

With respect my FOI was intended to be helpful and enable the PCC to show compliance with the law.

The law I am relying on is the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act section 14 and 34 along with the Equality Act PSED and the CJA 1991 section 95.

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 is one of no information held.

In respect of question 1, it is the responsibility of the Secretary of State to collate and publish such information, as outlined in the legislation; <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1991/53/section/95>.

In relation to question 2, the OPCC does not hold any information which relates specifically to your question 'actually addressing the substantive racial inequalities, including showing how BME citizens in Doncaster has been given opportunities to collaborate in this process.'

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However, under Section 16 - duty to assist; you can find further details about how the Commissioner engages with the communities of South Yorkshire in a response to a previous FOI request using the following link; <http://www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/FOI/1095-Response.pdf>

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request an internal review by emailing this office.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office,
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Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 08456 306060 or 01625 545745
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Yours sincerely,

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