

Our Ref: 005497/17

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to:

Date 20 September 2017

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 14/09/2017.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I have read through your letter several times and still cannot see why the police refusing to uphold the law falls outside of the PCC's remit when I believe that this is PRECISELY why the office was established. Perhaps you can provide me with a few examples of where the police have failed their duties and the PCC has forced them back on track I.e. it has fulfilled its purpose and cost justified its existence.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

The Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire can confirm that on no occasion has the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire 'forced' the Police back on track for '[failing] their duties'. This is because for this to happen would mean the PCC is breaching the legislation, the PCC has no powers to 'force' the Chief Constable to do anything.

The remit of the PCC is oversight and scrutiny and he is only able to take action against the Chief Constable if the Chief has done something the PCC does not believe if correct. The Chief Constable has 'operational independence' to lead his Police for in their Law enforcement strategy.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Professional Standards



Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner of Leicestershire

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