

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2013-030

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

I would like to know the following in relation to the existence of a memorandum of understanding between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the prison service/local prison governor:

a. Does the Commissioner have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the prison service or your local prison governor, which defines

i. what an “assault on a prison officer” is and

ii. the types of incidents suitable for prosecution?

Please note, if this document is not known as a “memorandum of understanding”, please provide details of whatever document you have which defines what an “assault on a prison officer” is and the incidents deemed suitable for prosecution.

b. If a MOU or other similar document exists, please provide a copy of the actual document by email.

c. If a MOU is not held by the Police and Crime Commissioner’s office, I would be grateful if you would advise me who is now responsible for these. I understand these agreements were previously held by the Police Authorities.

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and our response is as follows:

No information held

However, after initial discussions with the Force we believe that the information that you have requested may be held by Dorset Police. In accordance with Section 16 of the Act your request has therefore been transferred to Dorset Police for their consideration. The Force contact details are as follows:

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