# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2021-013

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

You asked:

1. How many reports did you receive from whistleblowers in 2019 and in 2020?
2. How many people do you have in your organisation that are trained/permitted to take reports from whistleblowers?
3. What training have the people in question number 2 received in whistleblowing?
4. What cost, if any, was there for this training?
5. Which organisation delivered each course?
6. What is the name of the person that arranged this training and what is their email address?
7. What methods do you have for whistleblowers to contact a person that is authorised to take their report and what are the specific details of these, i.e., email addresses, telephone numbers etc?
8. What are the email addresses for the people authorised to receive whistleblower reports?
9. How many whistleblowers have left the organisation within 12 months of making a report?
10. How many whistleblowers have made an allegation of 'detriment' against your organisation?

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

For the purposes of this response, we have treated the term 'whistleblowing' as defined in legislation (and summarised here). For clarity then, this response does not include correspondence received from members of the public. It should also be noted that the Dorset Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is a separate organisation to Dorset Police – for further information about Force whistleblowing information, please contact foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk

1. How many reports did you receive from whistleblowers in 2019 and in 2020?

   OPCC employees made no whistleblowing reports in 2019 and 2020. Any whistleblowing reports made by Dorset Police employees would have been handled by the Force and not this office.

2. How many people do you have in your organisation that are trained/permitted to take reports from whistleblowers?

The OPCC follows the same whistleblowing policy and process as adopted by Dorset Police. Individuals are permitted to make reports to their line managers in the first instances, who will then notify the Professional Standards Department. There are currently six individuals with line management responsibility within the OPCC. Training in whistleblowing policy has been provided by Dorset Police Legal Services Department. All employees in OPCC have been briefed on the associated policy and procedures.

Equally, as per the response to Q7 there are a range of other routes available to whistleblowers.

3. What training have the people in question number 2 received in whistleblowing?

See Q2.

4. What cost, if any, was there for this training?

No direct cost

5. Which organisation delivered each course?

See Q2.

6. What is the name of the person that arranged this training and what is their email address?

N/A – internal training provision.

7. What methods do you have for whistleblowers to contact a person that is authorised to take their report and what are the specific details of these, i.e., email addresses, telephone numbers etc?

As per the policy:

- Via line management
- Via the Professional Standards Department
- Via the Counter Corruption Unit (CCU) Devon and Cornwall
- Via the Counter Corruption Unit (CCU) Dorset
- Via the confidential help line for Devon and Cornwall Police
- Via the confidential helpline for Dorset Police
- Via the Force Vetting Unit
- Via Trade Unions, Police Federation and Staff Associations
- Via Mentors
- Via Independent Office for Police Conduct
- Via Crimestoppers
- Via Force confidential reporting system

8. What are the email addresses for the people authorised to receive whistleblower reports?

   As per Q2, this is context dependent.

9. How many whistleblowers have left the organisation within 12 months of making a report?

   Nil – n/a

10. How many whistleblowers have made an allegation of 'detriment' against your organisation?

    Nil – n/a