

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2025-26-048**

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

You asked:

**Assurance & risk**

The OPCC's scheme of governance/assurance describing how the PCC monitors FOI/SAR compliance by Dorset Police.

Entries in the OPCC risk register (or equivalent) concerning FOI/SAR timeliness/compliance and mitigations.

**Performance reporting**

The latest KPI reports/dashboards received by the OPCC on Dorset Police FOI timeliness, internal review timeliness, and SAR timeliness/backlog—including targets and trend data (CSV/PDF preferred).

Any post-ICO action plans, progress reports, or briefings supplied to/held by the OPCC following the ICO reprimand (SAR) and any FOI practice recommendation, plus the OPCC's responses or follow-up actions.

**Learning & scrutiny**

Minutes/notes/actions from OPCC meetings where disclosure performance (FOI/SAR) was discussed in the period, including any requests for assurance to the Chief Constable and the responses.

Records of communications with the Police & Crime Panel (or papers submitted) that relate to FOI/SAR compliance, backlog clearance, or ICO engagement.

**Publishing**

A list of any datasets or dashboards the OPCC publishes (or chose not to publish) on FOI/SAR performance, with links or reasons for non-publication.

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

### **Assurance & risk**

#### **The OPCC's scheme of governance/assurance describing how the PCC monitors FOI/SAR compliance by Dorset Police.**

Information not held.

Under Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset (OPCC) can confirm that it does not hold the information you have requested for the purposes of the Act.

Although the OPCC may have had sight of the information in question, such information would remain the property of Dorset Police. In such circumstances, the information is treated as being held by Dorset Police rather than by the OPCC for the purposes of FOIA.

The OPCC exercises a scrutiny and oversight role in relation to Dorset Police; however, Dorset Police is responsible for responding to Freedom of Information requests and Subject Access Requests in respect of its own information. Oversight of compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 2018 rests with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). For further information about the ICO's oversight you may wish to submit your enquiry to the ICO directly: [Request information from us | ICO](#).

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Scheme of Governance is publicly available on the OPCC website [[DRAFT AGS 2021-22.cdr](#)].

#### **Entries in the OPCC risk register (or equivalent) concerning FOI/SAR timeliness/compliance and mitigations.**

Information not held.

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The OPCC Risk Register records only those risks which directly affect the OPCC and its functions. The timeliness and compliance of the OPCC's own FOI and SAR responses are within recommended guidelines and are therefore not considered a risk for inclusion in the OPCC Risk Register.

Any risks relating to Dorset Police's handling of FOI or SAR responses fall within Dorset Police's own governance arrangements and, where appropriate, may be recorded in the Dorset Police Risk Register. Such information is not held by the OPCC for the purposes of FOIA.

You may wish to direct your enquiry to the Dorset Police Freedom of Information team for further details – [foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk).

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Dorset Police FOI and SAR KPI reports and dashboards are created and owned by Dorset Police and are therefore not held by the OPCC for the purposes of FOIA.

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**Any post-ICO action plans, progress reports, or briefings supplied to/held by the OPCC following the ICO reprimand (SAR) and any FOI practice recommendation, plus the OPCC's responses or follow-up actions.**

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Whilst the OPCC attends a joint meeting at which the ICO action plan is shared and discussed, the minutes, action plans and any associated reports are created and held by Dorset Police and are therefore not held by the OPCC for the purposes of FOIA. However, the FOI action plan is publicly available on the Dorset Police website: [FOI action plan | Dorset Police](#)

You may wish to direct your enquiry to the Dorset Police Freedom of Information team for further details – [foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk).

The review and assessment of the ICO action plan is a matter for the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), rather than the OPCC. For further information, including contact details for the ICO, please refer to the guidance on their website: [Contact us | ICO](#).

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Minutes/notes/actions relating to disclosure performance (FOI/SAR) are a matter for Dorset Police and therefore would be held by the Force and remain their information. Accordingly, this information is treated as being held by Dorset Police rather than by the OPCC for the purposes of FOIA.

You may wish to direct your request to Dorset Police as the appropriate authority at: [foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk).

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You may wish to direct your request to Dorset Council as the appropriate authority.

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Any such information is held by Dorset Police as the relevant data controller.

You may wish to direct your request to Dorset Police as the appropriate authority at: [foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk).

By way of advice and assistance under Section 16 of FOIA, I can confirm that the OPCC's Publication Scheme, which sets out the information routinely made available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, is available via the OPCC website here: [Publication Scheme | Statutory Information | Dorset PCC · Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner](#).

Subject Access Requests (SARs) submitted to the OPCC, relate to individuals' personal data and are handled under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. In accordance with these provisions, SARs and associated responses are not made publicly available.