

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2025-26-055

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

You asked:

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2. Please provide the policy on PCC office and Commissioner having social media accounts, and why PCC refuse to respond to questions raised on PCC and Commissioner's social media accounts.

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- 1. Please provide reports and information on why the PCC felt that the Complaints and Misconduct unit needed overhauling, what the objectives of that procedure were, and how far the PCC has got in its desire to overhaul the Complaints and Misconduct unit.**

No information held.

- 2. Please provide the policy on PCC office and Commissioner having social media accounts, and why PCC refuse to respond to questions raised on PCC and Commissioner's social media accounts.**

For clarity, in your request you appear to refer to both the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) as an individual, who is David Sidwick.

For the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, please refer to the Social Media Community Rules page publicly published on our website - [Social media community rules · Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner](#) .

Personal social media accounts held by the Police and Crime Commissioner are not governed by OPCC policies.

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INTERNAL REVIEW REFERENCE FOI.AR.04

The request for an internal review of the response provided to Freedom of Information Request Reference No 2025-26-055 has now been completed.

Our response is as follows:

1. Regarding the ‘Overhaul of the Complaints and Misconduct Unit,’ the findings are as follows:

The response of ‘no information held’ is correct.

2. Regarding the ‘Social Media Policy,’ the findings are as follows:

In addition to the information provided in FOI 2025-26-055 response, the relevant policy is the Dorset Police ‘Social Media and Instant Messaging Groups’ policy, which is applicable to the OPCC as an organisation, but not to the Police and Crime Commissioner himself as a directly elected individual.

The sharing of this policy is a matter for Dorset Police and queries regarding its release should be directed to them.

As a result of this internal review, it has been concluded that the previous response was correct and therefore no further action can be taken in relation to this request.