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Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

I have been requested to carry out an independent review of the way that your request has been handled.

I have now carried out a review of the previous disclosure and my findings are as follows –

Background to the request

A request was received on the 27/07/2015, the Freedom of Information department provided a formal response, to your FOI request, on the 20/08/2015. The request contained 8 questions and you have request an internal review on question 2 and 3 of which your comments are listed below.

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Nottinghamshire Police's handling of my FOI request 'Court Documents re Tom Crawford Eviction / Police attendance'.

Please look and reconsider your response in the light of the following req 2 did not ask about NP "possession of docs", only "did NP prevent Tom Crawford from seeing"..

req 3 answer seems to imply that all publicly available info including Police Numbers may invoke criminal threats to police officers. There is an obvious conflict of Police opinion here since if the above were true then similarly filming or recording and

publishing of Police in uniform with numbers showing on social media would of itself be seen by Police as something of a threat. This, as I understand it is exactly contrary to the ACPO position (except for terrorism). Anyone who threatens anyone, (veiled or otherwise), needs to be promptly arrested, charged and put on trial. Nonetheless, the public do have a complete right to know who polices them. In this respect your answer "considerations favouring non disclosure" seems to expose this part of the answer which then becomes contrary. I do not wish to facilitate or tolerate any threats from or to anyone, but we cannot have British Police becoming secret while in uniform.

My findings are -

The request was handled in accordance with our processes for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

The response to question 2 was correct in that Nottinghamshire Police did not prevent Tom Crawford from seeing any such documentation in the possession of any persons present. For completeness the response also advised that Nottinghamshire Police were not in possession of any of the papers issued by the Courts themselves.

The application of Section 38 Health and Safety in relation to question 3 has been appropriately applied in relation to this matter. Whilst we accept that Police Officers are filmed or recorded whilst in uniform and are in public facing roles. This particular situation has been assessed on Nottinghamshire Polices awareness before and after this Operation. Within the considerations favouring non-disclosure, it was clear that some supporters of Tom Crawford had targeted individual Officers on and off duty and extended this to members of their family. Nottinghamshire Police Officers were at this Operation as part of their duties to allow peaceful protest and prevent a breach of the peace. For these officers to then be targeted after this Operation, and this be extended to them whilst off duty and their family's it is appropriate to protect the safety, physical and mental health of these individuals.

If you are still not satisfied with our response you may appeal to the Information Commissioner.

You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:-

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Yours sincerely

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