

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 12 December 2012 where you requested information about the composition of the Advisory Panel for the appointment of a new Chief Constable.

I can confirm that the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office holds the information you are seeking. Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts this information. This is because the information is intended for publication at a future date.

To disclose the names and occupations of the Advisory Panel at this stage would be detrimental to the recruitment process and so having considered the public interest, it has been decided that it is appropriate to withhold the information. The information will be published once the recruitment process has concluded. As you will appreciate, this is a very senior appointment and will be subject to scrutiny by the Police and Crime Panel. To release the names of the Advisory Panel at this stage could, as stated, be detrimental to the overall integrity of the process.

I would be happy to e-mail you the names and occupations once the process has concluded and, in the meantime, I can advise you that the Advisory Panel will consist of the Chief Executive of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office (a former senior police officer), an Independent HR Adviser and 2 Independent Members with experience in business, policing and crime. The Panel has been established to advise only, the decision will be taken by the Commissioner.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Kevin Sharp, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside, Pacific Exchange, 40 High Street, Hull HU1 1PS.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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