

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) – Request for Information

Our ref: FOI980

I refer to your recent Freedom of Information request submitted to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside on 5 January 2022 and provide the following information in response:

- 1. How many reviews have been requested of Police Complaints forwarded to your office over the last 3 years**
- 2. How many of these reviews have been refused.**
- 3. Could you please give these figures on a year by year basis –i.e. Review request received - and review request refused (or no further action)**

The legal duty for the OPCC to undertake complaint outcome Reviews as the Relevant Review Body (RRB) began on 01.02.20 as part of reforms to police complaints legislation. The OPCC was not a review body prior to 01.02.20. Prior to that date, complaint reviews were defined as appeals under previous legislation. Dependent on the nature of the complaint allegations, the Relevant Review Body for appeals was either the Humberside Police Appeal Body (HPAB) or the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC). The OPCC does not hold information about appeals undertaken by the HPBA or the IOPC.

Therefore, information held relates to valid review requests received during 2020 and 2021, as follows:

Time Period	Reviews undertaken by the OPCC	Upheld	Not Upheld
01.02.20 – 31.12.20	81	20	61
01.01.21 – 31.12.21	95	15	80

For clarity, valid applications for review (that is, where the OPCC is the Relevant Review Body and the application is received within the legislated review period), cannot be refused as we have a legal duty to undertake such reviews. The number of reviews undertaken, including how many were upheld and not upheld are provided above by year.

For completeness, I also provide the following information by year, with regard to review applications which were received by the OPCC but could not be progressed, either because they were invalid or withdrawn by the complainant:

Time Period	OPCC not the RRB – passed on to the IOPC	Invalid – out of time	Withdrawn
01.02.20 – 31.12.20	9	2	2
01.01.21 – 31.12.21	4	11	2

No review applications have yet been received during 2022.

The OPCC now publishes a review transparency log on a quarterly basis which can be found here <https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Your-Police/Complaint-Review-Transparency-Log.aspx>

Yours sincerely

Right of Review

If you think that we have not supplied information in accordance with our Publication Scheme or under general rights of access then you have the right to ask for an internal review. Any request for an internal review should be made within 40 days and addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside, The Lawns, Harland Way, Cottingham
HU16 5SN

E-mail: pcc@humberside.pnn.police.uk

We would aim to complete an internal review within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of an 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.