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Dear

Ref: Freedom of Information Act Request PCC/2016/14

Thank you for your email of 26th February 2016 in which you requested information under the Freedom of Information Act. I can respond as follows:

Correspondence, emails and letters, plus any memos of meetings or phone calls between the following parties since 1st January 2016

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey

1. The Home Office – including all officials and ministers

Please see documents numbers 1–23 attached. An index of documents is attached. The following exemptions apply to the following documents and an explanation about the application of these exemptions can be found at the end of the list of questions below.

Doc 2 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 3 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 6 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 9 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 11 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 15 – Full exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information and under Section 31(1)(a)(b)(c) Law Enforcement

2. The Director General of the National Crime Agency

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner sent a copy of the response to your previous FOI request (Ref: 2015/26) to the Director General of the National Crime Agency on 25th January 2016 along with the supporting documents. I am not inclined to replicate those documents as part of this response due to their size but I can confirm that it was the same information that was sent to you. The Police and Crime Commissioner has had no other correspondence with the Director General.

3. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary

Please see documents numbers 24 - 47 attached. The following exemptions apply to the following documents and an explanation about the application of these exemptions can be found at the end of the list of questions below.

Doc 24 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 25 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 28 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 31 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 32 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 33 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 35 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 38 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 39 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 41 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information
Doc 44 - Exemption under Section 40(2) Personal Information

The PCC met with HMI Zoë Billingham on the 29th February 2016. The purpose of this meeting was a routine catch up and no notes were taken.

Explanation of Exemptions

Section 40(2) Personal Information

If the request for information relates to third parties (anybody other than the data subject), it is an absolute exemption under s40(2) if disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles. This is the case for those documents as indicated above.

Section 31(1)(a)(b)(c) Law Enforcement

- 1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would or would be likely to prejudice –
 - a) The prevention or detection of crime
 - b) The apprehension or prosecution of offenders
 - c) The administration of justice

In line with the terms of this exemption we have also considered whether it would be in the public interest to release all of this information to you despite the exemption being applicable. The outcome of the public interest test has favoured the partial disclosure of the information.

When assessing whether or not it was in the public interest to disclose the information to you we took into account the following factors:

Public interest considerations favouring disclosure:

- The police service is seen to be open and transparent

Public interest considerations favouring withholding the information:

- It would reveal and therefore undermine the effectiveness of operational tactics

- It would undermine the partnership approach to law enforcement
- It would hinder the prevention and detection of crime

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference PCC/2016/14.

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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

Sarah

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