



Date: 3 June 2019  
Enquiries to:  
Direct line: 01962 871595  
Our reference: FOI00331  
Your reference:

Dear

### Your request under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Thank you for contacting the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for information about the role of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and details regarding the sale of Hampshire Police headquarters. Your request was received on 15 May 2019 and given the reference FOI00331.

You have requested the following information:

**Request 1 :** *I wonder if you can please clarify the the actual role of the Hampshire PCC in a clear and objective manner?*

**Response 1:** The information you are seeking is available from the website of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and can be viewed using the link provided here <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/commissioner/my-role> . This was also emailed to you on 16 May 2019 following your telephone call to the office.

**Request 2:** *I wonder if the OPCC can advise me why the findings of its deliberations over the sale of the intended Hampshire Police headquarters buildings/site were never made public?*

*Are matters where poor performance costs taxpayers significant amounts of money not likely to fall within the remit of the OPCC?*

*Seems to me that the OPCC is little more than a propaganda office of the police! If this were not the case then why no published information regarding the headquarters sale and why have those responsible not been dismissed?*



**Response 2:** The decision notice relating to the sale of the Police Headquarters site at West Hill Winchester can be found on the website of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner using the link provided here: [https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/PCCSH\\_000133\\_2014.pdf](https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/PCCSH_000133_2014.pdf) . However under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Part II Exempt Information, Section 43 (2) - Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). Therefore the details of offers received and the sale price of the police headquarters cannot be provided. To do so would contravene the commercially sensitive information of other persons and/or organisations who have not given their permission for disclosure.

I am unable to comment on paragraphs 2 and 3 of your Request 2 as these questions are not valid under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because you are asking for opinion and not information that is held in a recorded format.

If you are unhappy with the way the request has been handled or the decision made, you have the right to require the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire to review the decision. Complaints should be made in writing to [opcc@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:opcc@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) . If you are unhappy with the outcome of the review, you can contact the Information Commissioner. Their details can be obtained by visiting: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely



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