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**Subject:** Freedom of Information request - The Official Secrets Acts 1911 - 1989 [OFFICIAL]

Dear

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire with your Freedom of Information Request. May I apologise for the slight delay in responding to your request.

You requested the following information

1) Please, can you provide a list of all employee roles who are employed by your authority and are subject to the provisions as set out in the Official Secrets Acts 1911-1989?

All staff are subject to the Official Secrets Act and you can find a list of OPCC roles on our website here:  
<https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/about/who-we-are>

Since the information is available on our website it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act which covers Information accessible by other means.

As you will see from the information on our website there are 3 further teams that are distinct from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire, for whom the Police & Crime Commissioner has responsibility: Viper (Video Identification Parades Electronic Recording), PNLD (Police National Legal Database) and the Internal Audit Team. Please let me know if you would like the employee roles in those teams.

2) Please provide a disclosure of the format used by your authority which requires the signature of any role holder who is subject to provisions as set out in the Official Secrets Acts 1911-1989 such as an "Official Secrets Acts & Confidentiality Declaration"

The following statement is included in the principle statements (employment contract) which each person is asked to sign:

'You are subject to the provisions of the Official Secrets Act 1989'

If you consider that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. I have attached a copy of our appeals policy which explains how to submit an appeal and who will consider it. You can also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office via their website <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/> or by telephone on 0303 123 1113, although please note they would usually expect you to have gone through our internal review procedure before contacting them.

Many Thanks

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