

Response

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request for all correspondence between the Gambling Commission and the Police from 1st January 2015.

The Commission engages with a number of police forces regarding issues of unlawful gambling activities. This includes issues such as the illegal supply of gaming machines through to alleged instances of match fixing in sporting events.

In response to the information you have requested I attach an Excel workbook that includes records of correspondence stored on the Commissions contact management system. The spreadsheet contains the detail of the correspondence, broken down by respective police force.

There is further correspondence held within the Commission that is exempt from disclosure under section 30 of the FOIA. This is due to the fact that these relate to ongoing investigations or investigations which may be re-opened at a later stage and releasing this information could prejudice these investigations. This is explained in the attached document. Please note that personal data has also been redacted from the list of contacts. We do not disclose personal data where it would be disproportionate for us to do so as individuals have a legitimate expectation that their personal details will not be disclosed unnecessarily. The Data Protection Act 1998 requires the processing of personal data to be fair and lawful. The names of any individuals in the attached are therefore exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Review of the decision

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your Freedom of Information request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to FOI Team, Gambling Commission, 4th floor, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4BP.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Gambling Commission. The ICO can be contacted at: The Information Commissioners' Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Request

Under the FOI Act I would like full details of any correspondence (email/telephone/letter/fax/noted) between your organisation and the police since the 1st January 2015 and the date of this request.