

## FOI Disclosures October 2021

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This month we have responded to questions relating to the following topics:

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<b><u>Ref</u></b> <b><u>5023051</u></b> <a href="#"><u>Back to top</u></a>	<b><u>IOPC workforce with policing background</u></b>
<b><u>Request</u></b>	<p><i>Please confirm how many Investigators, including senior investigators are employed by the IOPC.</i></p> <p><i>Please confirm what percentage of that total number are former police officers.</i></p>
<b><u>Response</u></b>	<p>We publish information annually about our workforce in our staff diversity report which can be found on our website <a href="#"><u>here</u></a>. Page 12 of this report outlines the number and percentage of investigating staff with a police background. The published report reflects the position at 31 March 2020. We will be publishing 2020/21 information in due course.</p>
<b><u>Ref</u></b> <b><u>5023042</u></b> <a href="#"><u>Back to top</u></a>	<b><u>Accrington incident investigation</u></b>
<b><u>Request</u></b>	<p><i>You requested the investigation report relating to an independent investigation following an incident in Accrington as described in the following article: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-58384785"><u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-58384785</u></a></i></p>
<b><u>Response</u></b>	<p>This investigation is now complete and the latest updates can be found on our website <a href="#"><u>here</u></a>. We are currently in the process of preparing a summary of the investigation and our findings for publication in line with our <a href="#"><u>Publication Policy</u></a>.</p> <p>We have decided that you are not entitled to the full investigation report because it is exempt under sections 30 and 40 of the FOIA.</p> <p>In the case of information falling within the terms of section 30, we are refusing your request because the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.</p> <p>A publication decision has been made to produce a summarised version of the investigation report which will result in significant details of this case being placed</p>

into the public domain on our website in line with our publication policy. It is highly likely, therefore, that the public interest in being properly informed about this case will be met by this disclosure.

We consider this will be a proportionate response to the public interest in transparency and accountability, taking into account the competing public interest in preserving the confidentiality of investigations and the persons to whom they relate. The level of redaction required to prepare the investigation report for disclosure under the FOIA would result in information so heavily edited as to make it difficult to read and follow and would not leave the public any better informed about this case than the summary which is currently being worked on to prepare it for publication.