

Please ask for : Alethea Fuller  
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Our Reference: 2026-00357  
[wmpcc@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:wmpcc@westmidlands.police.uk)



Date: 14/04/2026

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **22 March** 2026 in which you asked:

*'Dear Chief Constable*

*Response to the Sky News Freedom of Information Request on Criminal Investigations into Police Officers for Sexual Offences*

*I am writing to request a copy of your response to the Freedom of Information request submitted by Sky News reporter Mollie Malone as this information is not on your disclosure log.*

*Mollie Malone's investigation, published yesterday on the fifth anniversary of Sarah Everard's death, examined rape and sexual offence allegations made against serving police officers across England and Wales in the years following Sarah's murder.*

*Sky News reports that only 17 out of 43 police forces in England and Wales provided responses to these requests. All 17 responding forces confirmed they had launched criminal investigations into officers for sexual offences allegations (with 16 doing so specifically for rape), and several confirmed charges had been brought.*

*Our understanding is that your force did not respond to Sky's FOI request regarding criminal investigations into officers for alleged rape and sexual offences. It is important to us that our own local police force gives Sky's request the priority and attention it deserves, particularly given your commitment to policing violence against women and girls. Candour on this is essential for regaining women's trust and confidence in local policing.*

*Please:*

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  3. *confirm*
  4. *whether you received an FOI request from Sky News reporter Mollie Malone*
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  10. *disclose*
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- a.
  - b.
  - c. *a*
  - d. *copy of the FOI request and date received*
  - e.
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  - g.
  - h. *the*
  - i. *information disclosed and date sent to Sky News.*

- j.
- k.
- l.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15. *If*
- 16. *the request was refused, please disclose*
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- a.
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- c. *your*
- d. *refusal response including the legal exemption(s) relied upon (with date) and any subsequent correspondence,*
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- h. *and*
- i. *whether an internal review was requested and/or conducted and its outcome (with dates).*
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- 21. *If*
- 22. *the Sky FOI request was not answered, please now provide me with the full disclosures requested in that request.*
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In response to your request, I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) does not hold this information. However, this information may be held by West Midlands Police.

In order to be of some assistance, please see the following contact details should you wish to submit your request to West Midlands Police.

#### **Freedom on Information Unit**

West Midlands Police  
 PO Box Box 52, Lloyd House  
 Colmore Circus Queensway  
 Birmingham  
 B4 6NQ  
 E-mail: [foi@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:foi@westmidlands.police.uk)

#### **Freedom of Information Right of Appeal**

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
 Lloyd House  
 Birmingham  
 B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060

Email: [wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fuller', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Alethea Fuller  
Deputy Chief Executive