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Email to: [XXXXXX](#)

Dear XXXXXX

FOI Request: FOI/191/2014

I write in connection with your request for information sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire on 11 September 2014.

A note of your request and the responses are detailed below;

Please provide details of any crime targets agreed by your office with Derbyshire Constabulary during your term of office.

Recognising the potential perversity of chasing targets instead of giving quality policing, Commissioner Charles agreed on just one target for Derbyshire, that of 'continuous improvement'. The Commissioner continually monitors Force performance and holds the Chief Constable to account at the public monthly Strategic Governance Board meetings. All agendas, supporting reports and minutes are available on the Commissioner's website which can be accessed via this link <http://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/News-and-Events-Meetings/Meeting-Information/Meeting-Information.aspx>

Please confirm or deny that Derbyshire Constabulary is downgrading charges in order to avoid offences being registered within the national crime statistics.

The Commissioner remains content that crime recording within Derbyshire is accurate and recorded with integrity. The Joint Audit Risk Assurance Committee (JARAC) which is an independent committee who provide independent assurance receive and consider regular reports on the NCRS and NSIR compliance. Indeed

at their most recent meeting on 23 September a NCRS and NSIR compliance report was received (agenda and associated reports can be accessed on the Commissioner's website here <http://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/News-and-Events-Meetings/Meeting-Information/JARAC-Meetings.aspx>). After considering the report, members of the JARAC concluded that the recording levels in Derbyshire are consistent and the Force is achieving high levels of compliance. It was noted that there has also recently been an HMIC inspection around crime recording which was positive.

Your reference number is FOI: 191/2014 and we ask that you retain this number for use in any future correspondence. Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact Liz Kelly on 03001226007 or email quoting the reference number.

Yours faithfully

Electronically Signed

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