

Please ask for : Alethea Fuller
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Our Reference: 2024-01209
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Date: 20/12/2024

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **9 December** 2024 in which you asked:

'Please indicate what due diligence was carried out regarding Mr Guildford's claimed Military Service prior to his appointment as Chief Constable of West Midlands Police.'

- 1. Was his Military Service record validated by the OPCC?*
- 2. Were dates of military service and eligibility for military honours/medals, rosettes and clasps corroborated?*

As a public office holder, I would also request that the OPCC West Midlands confirms the above, alongside the military units in which Mr Guildford served and for which dates, any active deployments, ranks or commissions held and all other pertinent information.'

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner did not check the military history before the Chief Constable was appointed, and we do not hold any further information in response to your request.

If you require any further information on this matter, I would advise you to contact West Midlands Police using the below details.

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

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

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

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