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**Request to Durham Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act  
Received on 25/04/2022 Our Ref: FOI/371/22**

**Date: 20/05/2022**

Your request:

I am writing to you , to ask if the PCC attended a lunch gathering at those premises, attended also by the leader of the Labour Party, Keir Starmer !

If this is confirmed , what are the Durham police service doing about this breach of covid restrictions,

**Response:**

**Durham Constabulary can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any information relevant to your request as the duty in Section 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) does not apply by virtue of the following exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:**

Section 40 (5) Personal Information

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**S.40 (5) Personal Information.**

Durham Constabulary (the Force) neither confirms nor denies that it holds the personal information you have requested as the duty in Section 1(1) (a) of the FOIA (General Right of Access) does not apply by virtue of either the Section 40 (5A) & Section 40 (5B) (a) (i) FOIA (Personal Information) exemption.

A Freedom of Information request is not a private i.e., a one-to-one disclosure. Both the request itself, and any information disclosed, are considered suitable for open publication i.e., can be published on the Force's external website. This is because, under FOIA, any information disclosed is released into the wider public domain, effectively to the world at large and not just to one individual i.e., the person who made the FOI request.

To confirm or deny whether personal information exists in response to your request under FOIA, could publicly reveal information about third-party individuals, thereby breaching the right to privacy afforded to ALL persons under the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

If you are requesting third party personal data, Durham Constabulary must ensure that it complies with the fair processing Principles outlined under section 34 of the



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DPA 2018 and under Article 5 of the GDPR and in the main will only release third party information to another person, via a Court Order.

Although Durham Constabulary can neither confirm nor deny that the information you have requested is held by the constabulary (as it constitutes personal data of a named person), it is noted that information relevant to your request has been made public by the Police and Crime Commissioner this can be found by clicking on the following link;

[STATEMENT FROM DURHAM POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER JOY ALLEN | Durham Police & Crime Commissioner \(durham-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

Please follow below link to access Durham Constabulary's (The Force's) press statement issued on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 regarding the confirmation of the commencement of an investigation:

<https://www.durham.police.uk/News/News-Articles/2022/May/Durham-Constabulary-Press-Statement.aspx#:~:text=Durham%20Constabulary%20Press%20Statement%20Posted%20on%20Friday%206.gathering%20in%20Durham%20City%20on%20April%2030%202021.>

## **CONCLUSION**

**This Section 17 (1) FOI Refusal Notice does not confirm or deny that Durham Constabulary holds the information that you have requested, and this decision is in no way an indication that the information requested is or is not held by the force.**

Please note that Durham Constabulary's response to your request is unique and should not be used as a comparison with any other Force response you receive.

## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Your attention is drawn to the below link to our website, which details your right to complain:

[Freedom of Information Requests \(contensis.com\)](#)

If you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact me on the above telephone number.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely  
Freedom of Information Decision Maker



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