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Your Reference:

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Councillor Alison Lowe  
 Chair  
 West Yorkshire Police & Crime Panel  
 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Policy and Partnerships  
 Town Hall  
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Dear Alison

Further to your letter dated 11th November, please find below the information you have requested.

The Public Perception Survey (PPS) has been running since April 2006 in one form or another and is sent out every month to randomised recipients to better understand the views of people from across West Yorkshire. This information is then collated by district and has been valued and shared systematically with the police and Community Safety Partnerships to inform ongoing trends and local priorities across the County for 10yrs or more.

It was brought to my attention that this Survey had also gone out during the pre-election purdah period, and as such I asked an independent Chief Executive to review the processes involved.

The conclusion reached was that there was no active or considered decision in relation to whether to send out the survey during purdah, rather the survey was sent out by the office simply as business as usual with the findings from the survey used in the normal way.

However, the learning and recommendation from this conclusion will be to put appropriate measures in place to assess external communications during any future pre-election period and to provide greater purdah awareness training for all OPCC staff in due course.

Yours sincerely

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