



Our Ref: 720418

Date: 17th April 2018

Mr T Hicks

Via Email: timhicks@pt.lu

Dear Mr Hicks ,

Over the past few months you have emailed North Yorkshire Police requesting the force to make comment regarding matters that relate to media information and interview opportunities.

In relation to your requests that the communications team or the Command team provide you with media information and interview opportunities I must point out the following:

As an organisation we work with "the media" in the interests of openness, transparency and accessibility. In doing so, we take sensible steps to ensure that any information we provide for the purposes of publication and broadcast will be treated responsibly, in accordance with the law, and with respect to appropriate codes of professional practice.

In line with this position, our communications function has a remit to consider requests for media information and interviews from members of the media, which we define as:

- Those who are employed by publications on the Independent Press Standards Organisation's list of UK regulated publications which abide by the Editor's Code, and
- Those who are employed by broadcast stations on Ofcom's list of licenced TV and radio stations, which abide by the OfCom Broadcasting Code of May 2016 (or any subsequent updates).

Requests from the North Yorks Enquirer fall outside of this definition of "the media", and are therefore in effect requests from members of the public. Requests for information from members of the public are dealt with by our Civil Disclosure Unit, in accordance with the appropriate legislative framework.

North Yorkshire Police will not respond to requests which relate to any enquiries you make regarding any journalistic enquiries.

This of course does not prevent you from;

- Calling 999 should there be an emergency.
- Calling 101 should you wish to report a crime or pass information.

- Making a complaint in relation to the service provided by North Yorkshire Police.
- Requesting information through our legal Services regarding Subject Access process.
- Requesting information through our legal Services regarding Freedom of Information requests.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Butterfield', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Inspector Alex Butterfield
Staff Office to Temporary Chief Constable Lisa Winward
North Yorkshire Police