

Here is the up-to-date chronological breakdown of the pressure placed on Shropshire County Council from members of Hollie's Army (*the general public*) in respect of the illegal raid on the home of Hollie Greig and her mother, Anne, perpetrated on the **3rd June 2010**. This pressure eventually established that Shropshire County Council had LIED in its response to a Freedom of Information request about it's involvement and foreknowledge of this illegal raid.

On the **15th August 2010**, a Freedom of Information request was submitted to Shropshire County Council, specifically to Mr Kim Ryley, asking a number of questions related to the Council's knowledge and involvement in the raid. Copied into that request, was a copy of the email sent to Detective Chief Inspector, Ed Bates, of the Shropshire Police Force (*West-Mercia*). This request was acknowledged on the 16th August 2010.

A polite reminder was sent on the **10th September 2010** as there had been no contact since the acknowledgment.

On the **14th September 2010**, another reminder was sent to the Council due to the silence.

On the **15th September 2010**, due to no contact from the Council, a formal complaint was sent to the Council Complaints department regarding the Freedom of Information request being ignored.

On the **16th September 2010**, receipt of the complaint was acknowledged.

On the **17th September 2010**, confirmation was received stating that the relevant people had been spoken to and that a response could be expected shortly.

On the **20th September 2010**, the Freedom of Information request was finally answered. The request contained a total of 10 questions but the most important here are 1 and 3. Here are the questions and the initial answers given...

1) When did Greg Lance-Watkins first make contact with Shropshire County Council in relation to Hollie Greig's whereabouts which, ultimately, lead to the illegal raid on their home? Answer) As will be apparent from the StolenKids-Hollie website, Mr Lance-Watkins first made contact with Shropshire Council on 1st June via email. Though not strictly necessary for the purposes of a response to this Freedom of Information request, it is categorically denied that

Mr Lance-Watkins' approach to the Council had any bearing on its subsequent actions. It is also categorically denied that the Council or any of its officers took part in the entry to the home of Anne and Hollie Greig

3) When did West-Mercia Police Force first make contact with Shropshire Country Council in respect of the illegal raid on the private home of Hollie & Anne Greig? Answer) We first became aware that the police had entered the home of Anne and Hollie Greig on Friday 4th June.

On the **21st September 2010**, the Council contacted the complainant to ensure that the response had been received.

The **23rd of September 2010** was when the challenge was submitted back to the Council and the accusation was made directly to them that they had LIED in their responses to the Freedom of Information request. The comments made to the Council in respect of these two questions were as follows...

1) The first part of this answer is accepted, as I possess no evidence to the contrary. However, I note from evidence I hold and in respect of the answer given to my Fol request that Shropshire County Council are monitoring the website owned and operated by a convicted felon by the name of Mr Greg Lance-Watkins. (*Why you are not monitoring the OFFICIAL website set-up to promote this paedophile case?*). I have to wonder if this is the best use of public funds and also whether this is the most reliable source of information or means of contacting Hollie and Anne Greig. However, as will become apparent further down,

your statement "It is also categorically denied that the Council or any of its officers took part in the entry to the home of Anne and Hollie Greig" is not true and so this part of your answer is rejected and I re-submit to the Council that Shropshire County Council knew in advance about the illegal raid and were present before and throughout the illegal raid – with one female officer remaining in the car and the male officer attending at the door. I demand that this is answered clearly as the email in question from Mr Lance-Watkins

(<http://stolenkids-hollie.blogspot.com/2010/06/sk-h218-for-your-attention-as.htm>) clearly states he does not fear for the physical safety of Anne or Hollie! So why did the Council, which has had no direct contact with either of these two ladies since 2008, attend the illegal raid without a warrant rather than contacting their legal representative - as would have been a common sense approach, given that the Council monitor the website blog of Mr Lance-Watkins and so would know that Robert Green is formally representing Hollie and Anne Greig?

Therefore, unless other facts have been withheld from Hollie and Anne's legal representative, Robert Green, there was no creditable evidence for Social Services to consider that two full grown adult women are 'missing'. Indeed, Robert Green wasn't even worried and, as it turned out, he correctly speculated that they might be on holiday. Likewise, I'm very concerned that, as Shropshire County Council WERE in attendance during the illegal raid, I would like to know how the website owned by Mr Lance-Watkins was able to obtain and publish images taken from the home of the Greig's without their knowledge or permission.

3) This is NOT true! I have documented evidence that clearly demonstrates TWO of the Council's Officers were present before and during the illegal raid on the home of Anne and Hollie Greig. One was a man (*presumably a contract worker or sorts to drill the locks*) and the other was a woman, who, I'm lead to believe, remained in a parked car outside throughout. Therefore, Shropshire County Council knew in advance that the illegal raid was about to happen. What are the names and what are the positions held of these two Council Officers and, as I asked before, when did West-Mercia Police Force make contact with Shropshire County Council in respect of this illegal raid?

On the **6th October 2010**, the Council replied. Part of their response was...

"On behalf of the Council I wish to express disappointment at your suggestion that we have been dishonest. Having reviewed the position it is my view that the answers provided to you are, to the best of our knowledge, entirely accurate and we do not intend to elaborate further.

You state that you have evidence to establish that the Council knew in advance that the police were going to enter the home of Anne and Hollie Greig. Please provide a copy of this evidence so that we can verify who the individuals are that you refer to as being at the property. It may be that officers from Shropshire Housing were in attendance but only to assist the police in disabling any alarms etc.

They would not have been involved in the police decision to enter the property. We would like to emphasise that no officers dealing with the case or with knowledge of the case were present."

On the **7th October 2010**, the matter was referred to the Information Commissioner's Office for a full investigation into the entire matter.

On the **6th January 2011**, the Council replied to the complainant that further information had been uncovered as a result of the Information Commissioner's approach to the Council which confirmed the follow...

"Further to our previous communications on this matter and your referral to the Information Commissioner's Office, we advise that we have identified additional information which confirms that the Council became aware of the 'house entry' to Mrs Greig's property on 3 June 2010.

**"Request for additional information**

"In relation to the additional information you requested in your emails of 29 September and 25 November for the names of the members of staff attending the property with the Police, we can confirm that the two members of staff were from our Housing Services team. In view of the fact that these are not senior members of staff and therefore would not have the expectation for their names to be made public, we consider this information to be exempt from disclosure under exemption S40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - Personal Information."

**THIS IS PROOF THAT THE COUNCIL WERE PRESENT AND LIED TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE ILLEGAL RAID ON THE HOME OF HOLLIE AND ANNE GREIG!!!**

On the **7th January 2010**, the Information Commissioner's Office concluded, in part...  
"The Council has advised the Commissioner that it has located additional information relating to this part of your request. I understand that the Council emailed you on 6 January 2011 to provide this additional information. However, I am concerned at the way that the Council handled your request for information, and I enclose a copy of a letter which I have sent to the Council highlighting the procedural issues in relation to your request. Although no further action will be taken at this stage, details of the Council's handling of the request in this case have been referred to the ICO's Enforcement team. The team monitors public authorities' performance with a view to identifying any serious or recurring patterns of non-compliance with the Act or non-conformity with the associated Codes of Practice. The matters raised above have been logged by the team for consideration, as would any further examples of the Council's failure to meet its obligations which may be brought to our attention. The team may consider further intervention if we receive any evidence of a recurrence of these issues."

This matter has still got points outstanding, which are being addressed at the time of this document being published. In the mean time, however, Robert Green and his team feel that the Information Commissioner's Office have handled this matter in a very fair and balanced way and would like to thank them for their professional and objective approach throughout.