

Date: 25/09/2020

Our Reference: FOIA-2020-114

RE: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or 'FoIA 2000') request dated **24/09/2020** in which you requested:

- "The number of successful applications *and* number of unsuccessful applications to train as an authorised firearms officer (AFO), broken down by calendar year, so *2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019*
- A breakdown of the ethnicity of these applicants (successful and unsuccessful) broken down as *White, BAME and specifically Black* with total numbers and percentages.
- The number of officers who pass and fail the training to become an AFO, a percentage of who are successful and who are unsuccessfully broken down by calendar year, so *2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019*.
- A breakdown of the ethnicity of those who pass the AFO training *and* those that fail the AFO training in two separate tables with total numbers and percentages. (Organised as *White, BAME & specifically Black* with total numbers and percentages)."

Decision

When a request for information is made under FoIA 2000, a public authority has a general duty under section 1(1) of the Act to inform an applicant whether the requested information is held. There is then a general obligation to communicate that information to the applicant. If a public authority decides that the information should not be disclosed because an exemption applies, it must, under section 17(1) cite the appropriate section or exemption of the Act and provide an explanation for relying upon it.

After conducting careful searches for any information relevant to your request, under section 1(1), I can confirm that **there is no information held**. I would advise contacting the relevant forces who may hold the information you require.

Your rights are provided at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

James Rose | Legal Advisor

Information Management and Legal Team

College of Policing

Email: FOI@college.pnn.police.uk

Website: www.college.police.uk

Your right of review

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have a right to request an internal review if you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request. Review requests should be made in writing (by email or post) within **40 working days** from the date of our original response. We will aim to respond to your review request within **20 working days**.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

If, after lodging a review request you are still dissatisfied, you may raise the matter with the ICO. For further information you can visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>. Alternatively, you can contact them by phone or write to them at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Phone: 0303 123 1113