



Date: 12th May 2020

Our Reference: FOIA-2020-041

RE: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“FOIA 2000”)

I am writing regarding your email dated **09/04/20** in which you requested the following information below:

“I would like to know how many private companies are currently licensed or approved by the College of Policing to provide police driver training to police forces in England and Wales and where I would find a copy of that list.”

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.

It is important to note that a freedom of information request is not a private transaction. Both the request itself and any information disclosed are considered suitable for open publication, that is, once access to information is granted to one person under the legislation, it is then considered public information and must be communicated to any individual should a request be received. In light of this, our responses and disclosures are published on our external website at a later date. This should be borne in mind where a request is made for personal data of named individuals.

I can confirm that that the College doesn't licence or approve any private companies to provide police driver training to police forces in England and Wales.

This information is already publically available on our Licensed Products and Licensees Register which is on our website at: https://www.college.police.uk/About/Copyright_Licensing/Pages/default.aspx

However, licensees (police forces) can and do request permission from the College to engage their own providers to help them deliver or co-deliver their driver training, and the College does permit this.

Your rights are provided at **Appendix A**.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix A

Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or our decision made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you have a right to request an internal review by the College of Policing.

Internal review requests should be made in writing, within **forty (40) working days** from the date of the refusal notice and should be addressed to: FOI team, Central House, Beckwith Knowle, Otley Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 1UF or via email: FOI@college.pnn.police.uk

The College of Policing will aim to respond to your request for internal review within **20 working days**.

The Information Commissioner

If, after lodging a review request you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>.

Alternatively you can write to the ICO:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

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