

**Date:** 12/01/2021

**Our Reference:** FOIA-2020-152

**Your Reference:** N/A

(Via email: [REDACTED])

Dear [REDACTED],

## **RE: Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request**

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or 'FoIA 2000') request dated 14/12/2020 in which you requested the results for both the Sergeants and Inspectors promotion exams over the last 10 years.

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.

## **Decision**

After conducting careful searches for any information relevant to your request I can confirm that there is information held. For ease of reference I have grouped your questions together and presented the information held in the tables below.

- 1) *Please provide a table showing the exam results over the last 10 years for both Sergeant and Inspector promotion exams*
- 3) *Please provide the amount of entries and amount of passess and fails for each year*
- 4) *Please also provide the average score each year*

### **Sergeants Exam Data**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Number of candidates</b>	7017	5874	4680	4535	4497	3858	4275	5344	6183	6192
<b>Number of successful candidates</b>	2598	1982	1986	1730	1842	1397	1640	1884	2519	4225
<b>Number of unsuccessful candidates</b>	4419	3892	2694	2805	2655	2461	2635	3460	3664	1967
<b>Average percentage score</b>	50.8%	49.6%	52.7%	51.1%	52.2%	50.3%	50.7%	49.8%	51.4%	61.5%

### **Inspectors Exam Data**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Number of candidates</b>	1939	1891	1562	1620	1806	1551	1960	2446	2878	3375
<b>Number of successful candidates</b>	788	836	557	703	939	613	874	986	1434	2809

<b>Number of unsuccessful candidates</b>	1151	1055	1005	917	867	938	1086	1460	1444	566
<b>Average percentage score</b>	61.9%	62.7%	60.2%	61.3%	64.2%	61.2%	62.3%	61.2%	63.9%	70.5%

2) *Please also provide the details of when exams were completed at home via the internet*

Please note that these exams have only been delivered online in 2020.

I trust this letter answers your questions. Your rights are provided in **Appendix A**.

Yours sincerely,

**Legal Services**

**Information Management and Legal Team**

**College of Policing**

Email: [FOI@college.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FOI@college.pnn.police.uk)

Website: [www.college.police.uk](http://www.college.police.uk)

## **Appendix A**

### **Rights**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the College of Policing made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can request that the decision is reviewed internally.

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

In all possible circumstances the College of Policing will aim to respond to your request for internal review within **20 working days**.

### **The Information Commissioner**

If, after lodging an internal review request with the College of Policing you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner 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, write to:

**Information Commissioner's Office**

**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow**

**Cheshire**

**SK9 5AF**

**Phone: 0303 123 1113**