

**Date:** 12 February 2021  
**Our Reference:** FOIA-2020-014

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

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or 'FoIA 2000') request dated 09 February 2021 in which you requested information relating to drugs training.

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.

**Decision**

After conducting careful searches for any information relevant to your request I can confirm that there is no information held. I have provided further information below.

1. What time is recorded as allocated during Police Officer / Probationer/ PCSO / Special Constabulary or any other Police Staff that is given to time allocated to drugs training (i.e.

substances controlled under the misuse of drugs Act). It would be helpful if you could extract this from all training syllabus'.

No information held. We provide a core skills curriculum across multiple areas of policing including investigation, response and neighbourhood policing. The majority of this learning is licensed to forces to deliver locally and we do not prescribe timings for the delivery of specific content, nor do we obtain this from forces. In addition, we provide a minimum standard curriculum and forces will add additional learning as they fit, relevant to their geographic and demographic environment.

To identify 'time allocated to drugs training' within the wider curriculum is not possible and would not take into account the additional learning provided by forces.

2. Please provide the recorded timescales within their training that this takes place including any update /revision of training throughout their service.

No information held

3. Please provide any recorded training material (appreciate that sensitive material cannot be provided).

No information held.

4. Please provide all recorded role profiles of designated trainers

No information held. The generic trainer role profile can be accessed [here](#).

I trust this letter answers your questions. You may find it beneficial to submit a similar request directly to your local police force, who may be able to provide more specific information relevant to your request. Your rights are provided in **Appendix A**.

Yours sincerely,

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## **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**