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Friday, 26 July 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012943/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/07/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) *The College of Policing requirements for Information Management specify that each UK police force must have an Information Management Strategy (IMS):
<https://www.college.police.uk/app/information-management/management-police-information/common-process-managing-police-information#information-management-strategy>
Please provide a copy of your local Police Force's IMS.*
- 2) *Please provide your Policy relating to the Management of Intelligence. As an example, I have attached Surrey's and Sussex's Policy.*
- 3) *Do you use the same system for crime and intelligence recording? What are the name(s) of the system?*
- 4) *In accordance with the National Intelligence Model, all intelligence should be handled using the 3x5x2 grading system, in which three source gradings exist; Reliable, Untested and Unreliable. In order to supplement National documents, an example of which I have attached and information available from National Policing College, via weblink: <https://www.college.police.uk/app/intelligence-management/intelligence-report> — what internal written material on the subject of intelligence has been produced by your Police Force (i.e. Guidance/a Handbook/Aide Memoire/Page on your Intranet or similar in nature) and is available to assist your officers? Please provide a copy of the information*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Response

1. The information requested is exempt from disclosure by virtue of **Section 22(1)(a) – Information intended for future publication.**

As the exemption used is a qualified exemption a public interest test (PIT) needs to be applied.

Public Interest test

Factors Favouring Disclosure

Disclosure of the requested information at the present time would allow the public to have access to the information immediately, would enhance public knowledge of the subject and would promote the accountability and aid transparency of GMP.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Reviewing and formatting the data at the present time, in response to a Freedom of Information request, would be a duplication of work and would involve a disproportionate use of GMP resources and would not be an economical use of public funds. Additionally, should the data from the upcoming report be released prematurely, there is the possibility that it may contain inaccuracies if it has not been subject to full scrutiny procedures.

Balancing Test

When balancing the Public Interest Test, we must consider whether the Public Interest is best served by the release of the information into the public domain immediately or by the withholding of the information. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosure is the facilitation of transparency of GMP, which needs to be weighed against the strongest negative reason, which, in this case, is the disproportionate use of GMP resources and an uneconomical use of public funds. Therefore, the stance at this time is that the requested data is exempt from disclosure in response to a Freedom of Information request due to its future official publication by GMP.

2. We are unable to provide any documents relating to this at this moment in time as the policy is currently under a review.

3. Yes, crimes and Intelligence are both managed on the iOPS PoliceWorks system.

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