

15 May 2018

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Dear Mr Combie

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180615

REQUEST

Please provide a copy of the following held by the SYP FOI team:

- 1. Any communication sent out by SYP FOI team in relation to FOI 20180371 to the various departments who record and hold the requested data.**
- 2. Any and all replies and response from those departments outlined in 1 from departments who record and hold the requested data to SYP FOI team.**
- 3. Identify when SYP FOI team was first advised that there was a publication strategy for Operation Quito, and that it was drafted prior to the date of the above request made to SYP.**
- 4. Provide a copy of the publication strategy for Operation Quito.**

RESPONSE

Questions 1, 2 & 3

In accordance with 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I can advise you that South Yorkshire Police holds all of the information in relation to your request and we are able to disclose this to you in full, as attached, but subject to the below exemption:

Section 40(2) Personal Information.

This is an absolute exemption and therefore a Public Interest Test is not relevant. However, for clarity, I will explain my rationale for engaging this exemption. Section 40(2) provides that information is exempt if it is the personal data of someone other than the applicant and disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles. The term 'personal data' means data that relates to a living individual who can be identified. Personal email addresses, telephone numbers and names of those not in a public facing role have been redacted.

Question 4

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and

c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies).

The exemption applicable to your request falls under section 21. This states 'Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant'.

A link to Operation Quito Publication Strategy was included in our response to your FOI request 20180371. For your convenience I have copied the same details from that response below and provided a link to the Publication Strategy which is now published in the sub-section 'Significant Public Interest' on SYP's website.

'The information you request falls within the scope of South Yorkshire Police's Publication Strategy. Please see the following link to the Publication Strategy for Operation Quito'

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/operation-quito-tree-felling-from-jan-2018/>

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by following the advice contained in the separate notice enclosed with this correspondence:

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 08456 306060 or 01625 545745
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Please note that police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide information and statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this forces response to your questions should not be used for the comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

South Yorkshire Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure (copy enclosed). If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Constabulary's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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Appeal Process for Freedom of Information

Using this process will not affect your right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner. However, it will usually be quicker if matters can be resolved locally using this process.

Who can appeal?

Anyone who has requested information from the Force in writing can appeal within 20 working days from the date of the response provided. If you have requested information and you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with your request, you can use the appeal process to have it looked at again. If someone who requested information would like to appeal but cannot do so themselves you can appeal on their behalf, but it will help us if you make it clear that you are doing so.

What can I appeal about?

You can appeal about the range, amount and format of information we have sent following a request. You can also appeal about the way a request was handled – for example, the time it took to respond, or the way letters were worded.

How do I appeal?

You can appeal by writing, emailing or faxing your appeal/complaint to the address below. To deal with your appeal as quickly as possible, it will help if you can give us as much information as you can about the request made, such as the reference number, and the reason for your appeal/ complaint.

What happens to my appeal?

Once we have enough details to identify the request you are concerned about, a qualified person, other than the initial decision maker, will deal with the internal review.

How long does it take?

Whatever their conclusion, you will be informed of the result as soon as possible, and in any case within 20 days of submitting your appeal.

If you are still not satisfied, you may then appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Appeal Address

**Information Compliance Unit South Yorkshire Police Professional Standards
Department Unit 20 Sheffield 35A Business Park Churchill Way Sheffield S35 2PY**

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