

Our Ref: FOI 1339

20 May 2021

Dear Mr Buxton

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference FOI 1339**

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 27 October 2020.

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

Set out below is the request you have made and our response to it.

**REQUEST**

*"In your report titled 'Policing Sheffield's Trees Protests' it is stated at 7.5 that: "SYP made 25 arrests at tree protest sites between January and March 2018.*

*Whether charges are pursued is a matter for the Crown Prosecution Service."*

*Please provide any and all information associated with the statement in the report quoted above.*

*I am seeking to ascertain why there is such a glaring discrepancy between the constabulary's figure in the following document - <https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/media/4704/20191670-press-releases-publish.pdf> and the figure included in your report and also clarify the origin of the information quoted in the report and of course its veracity.*

**RESPONSE**

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides two distinct but related rights of access to information, which impose corresponding duties on public authorities. These are:

- Section 1(1)(a) the duty to inform the applicant whether or not information is held by the authority, and if so,
- Section 1(1)(b) the duty to communicate that information to the applicant.



All documents, communications and details that were used by the author to create the report on the Sheffield Tree Protests have been provided in response to FOI 1245 which can be found on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website at <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/app/uploads/2019/02/FOI-1245-Tree-Protest-Report-Documentation.pdf>

However, to respond to your request I have contacted the previous Chair of the Advisory Panel for Policing Protests and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Engagement and Communications Manager who led on this piece of work in the office. They have both informed me that they do not have any other documentation relating to your request.

I have reviewed the redacted information contained in the response provided for FOI 1245 and there is no information which relates to your request. Therefore, no information is held.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request an internal review by emailing this office.

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

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Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 306060 or 01625 545745

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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