

By Email

Ref: FOI 2019-26

28 October 2019

Dear J Roberts

I am writing further to my e-mail of 30 September, about your request for information related to 'PEEL spotlight report Shining a light on betrayal'.

2. We are considering your request. Although the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA) carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified' exemptions, are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The FOIA allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

3. The information which you have requested is being considered under the exemption in section 31 of the FOIA, which relates to law enforcement. This is a qualified exemption and to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20 working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by 25 November.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of

HMICFRS FOI Team

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services