



Freedom of Information request 166-20

You publish minutes from the force executive board, on your website every month. However the last one was published in June 2019.

http://www.btp.police.uk/about_us/your_right_to_information/publications/force_executive_board_minutes.aspx

Please send me a copy of the minutes and papers from every meeting from June 2019 till the current date.

RESPONSE

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of the FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which:

- a) states that fact
 - b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and
 - c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.
- In relation to this particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 21 - Information accessible by other means

This information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA because the information is accessible to you. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and therefore does not require a public interest test. The information requested has now been uploaded to the British Transport Police website at the link cited above and therefore is readily available.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this letter acts as a refusal notice for your request.