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Your Reference: N/A

(Via e-mail: request-577532-01d6cd4b@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Edward Williams,

RE: Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or 'FoIA 2000') request dated 20/05/2019. I note from your request that you seek the past, current and proposed official guidance regarding the recording of hate incidents which are not crimes. You also requested all information relating to how the guidance came into being, for example research, consultations, legal advice etc. Finally, you requested the names of the authors and their professional qualifications.

Decision

After conducting careful searches for any information relevant to your request, I can confirm that there is information held in relation to part of your request. For ease I have broken up your request into the following segments with response in bold below each.

1. Past guidance

Please see Disclosure 1 for the 2005 Hate Crime: Delivering A Quality Service Good Practice and Tactical Guidance. Section 5.4 deals with the recording of hate incidents.

2. Current guidance

Please see Disclosure 2 for the 2014 Hate Crime Operational Guidance. Section 6.3 deals with the recording of hate incidents.

3. Proposed guidance

Following a recent inspection report by HMIFRCS on hate crime, recommendations were made for the College of Policing. One of these recommendations was to update operational guidance. As a result, a review of the 2014 operational guidance which includes a section on non-crime hate

incidents and their recording is being undertaken with a view to updating it. There is not a proposed draft of this section at this time.

4. Research, consultations, legal advice of how the guidance came into being

No information held. Extensive consultation and stakeholder engagement took place in order to develop and update the guidance. Responses to this consultation and engagement were reviewed, consolidated and incorporated or not incorporated where appropriate. Research, drafts and consultation returns were initially archived and subsequently destroyed as appropriate. For your information, you will find a 'further reading' list at the end of the 2014 guidance which may be of assistance.

5. Names of authors and their professional qualifications

In line with question 4 above extensive consultation and engagement was undertaken to development this guidance but no consolidated list of authors and their professional qualifications is held by the College of Policing.

Your rights are provided in **Appendix A.**

Yours sincerely,

Legal Services

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Appendix A

Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or our decision made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you have a right to request an internal review by the College of Policing.

Internal review requests should be made in writing, within **forty (40) working days** from the date of the refusal notice and should be addressed to: FOI team, Central House, Beckwith Knowle, Otley Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 1UF or via email: FOI@college.pnn.police.uk

The College of Policing will aim to respond to your request for internal review within **20 working days**.

The Information Commissioner

If, after lodging a review request you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>.

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