

**Date:** 15/10/2020

**Our Reference:** FOIA-2020-087

**RE: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or 'FoIA 2000') request dated **20/07/2020** in which you requested:

- "1. Please supply me with a copy of all minutes of the National Undercover Scrutiny Panel from October 2017 to present
2. Please supply me with all the minutes and papers of the Professional Committee since November 2018
3. Please can you supply me with the full list of Business Areas & Committee meetings held under the aegis of the College of Policing?"

The 20 working day time limit was paused on two occasions between the 20/07/2020 and 16/09/2020, whilst we waited for you to provide clarification.

On 18/09/2020, you provided clarification, stating that 'business areas' should be interpreted to mean: 'units, groups divisions, etc overseeing aspects of the College of Policing's work. Also include Advisory Panels / Oversight Boards as well as the committees overseeing Authorised Professional Practices'.

In line with the ICO's guidance and s.1(3) of the FoIA 2000, we consider the 20 working day time limit to have officially started on the **18/09/2020**, as that is when we received sufficient clarification, allowing us to locate the information you requested.

**Decision**

We are currently considering your request. The Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we are dealing with a qualified exemption that requires us to consider the public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in favour of disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information.

The information that you have requested is being considered in line with the following exemption under the FoIA:

- Section 31 – Law enforcement.

This is a qualified exemption and we estimate that to consider the public interest test fully, we may need up to 20 extra working days. We will aim to issue a response to you as soon as possible within that time period.

Your rights are provided at the bottom of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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### **Your right of review**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have a right to request an internal review if you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request. Review requests should be made in writing (by email or post) within **40 working days** from the date of our original response. We will aim to respond to your review request within **20 working days**.

#### **The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)**

If, after lodging a review request you are still dissatisfied, you may raise the matter with the ICO. For further information you can visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>. Alternatively, you can contact them by phone or write to them at the following address:

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