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CF31 3SUIn an emergency always dial **999**
for non-emergencies dial **101**Website: www.south-wales.police.uk**Freedom of Information Request 294/23****Response date: 20th April 2023****ICO Complaint Case reference: IC-217452-W4L9 Previous Requests 1254/22 & 136/23 Internal Review**

"My FOI request is to ask about whether the South Wales Police conducted counterterrorism drills on the 25th/26th February 2016 in Llantrisant or the local vicinity i.e., the surrounding areas. I am not asking about prior notices, I am asking if they conducted an anti-terror drill on these dates, counterterrorism exercises have never been a secret. I just wish to know if they conducted one, not what they actually did. National security is a priority, but I'm asking about an alleged exercise from almost seven years ago which would in no way affect national security or law enforcement. SWP keep refusing to answer this."

- 1 "I wish to request information pertaining to training exercises. Could you please confirm whether you were or weren't conducting counter terrorism training exercises in Llantrisant or the local vicinity for South Wales between 25th/26th February 2016.

If the answer is yes:

2. What time/s did these exercises take place?
3. Did these exercises take place? And for roughly how long?
4. Were the local population informed that counter terrorism exercises were to take place during the requested time above?
5. Can you please give any details of what equipment was used? And how much did these exercises disturb the local population?
6. Did anyone complain to your offices about the noise levels for those times and location requested above?"

RESPONSEQuestion 1

Enquiries have been made to the Counter Terrorism Unit and they have confirmed they hold no information in relation to this question.

In accordance with section 84 of FOIA, responses relate to recorded information held by a public authority and do not extend to providing explanations unless the answers are already held in a recorded form. Section 84 of the Act states: "Information is defined in section 84 of the Act as 'information recorded in any form'. The Act therefore only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form. "This is explained within ICO Decision Notice FS50191203, which states at paragraph 18: 'Set out at Section 84, the right of access under the Act is defined as the right to access recorded information held by a public authority. A public authority is under no obligation to create new information, provide general explanations or opinions.

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Questions 2 – 6

As South Wales Police hold no information then the response to these questions is N/A.

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