

Ms Emma Lowther

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Ask For: Freedom of Information
Our Ref: 001438/21
Your Ref: Stonewall Submissions
Date: 1 September 2021

Dear Ms Lowther

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 001438/21

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 11/03/2021. I note you seek access to the following information:

Submissions made to, and feedback received from, the Stonewall Diversity Champions Scheme in the years 2010-2020

The FOI Act obliges us to respond to requests promptly and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. We must consider firstly whether we can comply with s1(1)(a) of the Act, which is our duty to confirm whether or not the information requested is held and secondly we must comply with s1(1)(b), which is the provision of such information.

However, when a qualified exemption applies either to the confirmation or denial and the public interest test is engaged, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days, if the balance of such public interest is undetermined.

In this case we have not yet reached a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies in respect of either of the above obligations. As a consequence, and with regret, I estimate that it will take an additional 20 working days to take a decision on where this balance lies. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by end of day Wednesday 29 September 2021. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, you will be kept informed.

The specific exemption which may apply, in relation to your request, is Section 43 - Commercial Interests but I am not required to make any further statement which neither confirms nor denies we hold such information by virtue of s17(4).

Right to Request a Review (Complaint)

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Lea
Freedom of Information Officer

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