



Freedom of Information Request 527/20

Response Date: 18th August 2020

Please can you supply me with a copy of your most recent timetable used to deliver the ICIDP course, commonly known as the CID course or PIP" course. the timetable should include the subjects taught, how much time was spent delivering that subject and any specific content covered within those subjects.

RESPONSE

Your request for information has been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 31(1)(a)(b) – Law Enforcement

Section 31 is a qualified, prejudice-based exemption and the legislators accept that there may be harm if released. The authority is therefore required to articulate the harm that may be caused and consider the public interest arguments for and against the disclosure of the information.

Overall Harm

A disclosure in response to a Freedom of Information request is not a disclosure to the individual applicant but a release into the public domain. It is important that a Police Force safeguards its effective and efficient service and does not disclose information that could undermine that.

You have requested detailed descriptions of subjects covered and the specific content of the most recent course delivery. This level of breakdown will not only disclose investigative processes and procedures in significant detail, but will also highlight any areas which are not covered or covered in less detail.

Similarly, by disclosing the amount of time spent delivering each subject would highlight where the police's focus was regarding prioritisation of material.

As a disclosure under FOI is a disclosure to the public at large, this information could be used by criminals or any individuals with a criminal intent to circumvent the investigative process, undermining policing.

Factors favouring disclosure

As the police service is funded by the public, there is clear public interest in the transparency and openness of policing. This is heightened when disclosure surrounds specialised policing areas designed to improve the effective delivery of law enforcement and keep the public safe. Disclosure would inform and reassure the public that South Wales Police has suitable training.

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Disclosure would provide transparency with regards to the use of public funds in as much as the funds are being used correctly and are appropriately distributed across the force.

Factors against disclosure

As discussed above, any disclosure of this level of detail regarding police training could be used for criminal activity and would likely assist offenders by revealing potential areas of weakness.

Balance Test

Whilst there is a public interest in the transparency of our training and in this case providing assurance that the police service is appropriately and effectively trained, there is a very strong public interest in safeguarding the integrity of police investigations, as well as protecting information that could potentially risk the safety of the public.

Therefore we feel the balance does not lie in favour of disclosure at this stage.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a refusal notice.

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