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Dear T J Roberts,

I write in response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Thames Valley Police has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u><b>Request</b></u>	<u><b>Response</b></u>
1. Do your officers wear white shirts or black wicking shirts whilst on operational duties.	Thames Valley Police can confirm that this information is held.  1. Predominantly officers wear black wicking shirts, however Inspectors and above ranks have the ability to wear both. In exceptional circumstances, such as Ascot, Officers will wear white shirts.
2. In what year do the change from white shirts to black wicking shirts take place.	2. This was initially trialled in 2008.
3. Are male officers still issued with custodian helmets.	3-5. Yes, male officers are issued with custodian helmets and flat caps.
4. If not, when did this change take place.	
5. If not, what headwear are they issued with instead.	

**Complaint Rights**



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If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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