

Date: 28th October 2020

Our Reference: FOIA-2020-119

Your Reference: N/A

RE: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“FOIA 2000”)

I am writing regarding your email dated 2nd October 2020 in which you requested information regarding our international training and gifts received, as below:

1. How many days of training has the College of Policing provided to Yemeni police and military in each of the last five full calendar years, plus 2020 to date?
2. What rank were the police and military service people who received the training over the stated period?
3. How much in total was the College of Policing paid for the training over the stated period?
4. What gifts have College of Policing employees received from people in Yemen over the stated period?

Decision

When a request for information is made under FoIA 2000, a public authority has a general duty under section 1(1) of the Act to inform an applicant whether the requested information is held. There is then a general obligation to communicate that information to the applicant. If a public authority decides that the information should not be disclosed because an exemption applies, it must, under section 17(1) cite the appropriate section or exemption of the Act and provide an explanation for relying upon it.

It is important to note that a freedom of information request is not a private transaction. Both the request itself and any information disclosed are considered suitable for open publication, that is, once access to information is granted to one person under the legislation, it is then considered public information and must be communicated to any individual should a request be received.

With this in mind, we are able to provide you with the following information:

In relation to questions 1 – 3 inclusive, I can confirm that the College of Policing has provided no training to Yemeni police and military in each of the last five full calendar years, plus 2020 to date.

In relation to question 4 – information regarding gifts received by the College can be found on our external website here:

<https://www.college.police.uk/About/Transparency/Pages/Transparency.aspx>

Additional context about our international work and a list of countries we provide international assistance to can be found here:

<https://www.college.police.uk/What-we-do/Learning/International-Academy/Pages/International-FAQ.aspx>

Your rights are provided at **Appendix A**.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix A

Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the College of Policing made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can request that the decision is reviewed internally.

Internal review requests should be made in writing, within **forty (40) working days** from the date of the refusal notice, and addressed to: FOI team, Central House, Beckwith Knowle, Otley Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 1UF or email: FOI@college.pnn.police.uk

In all possible circumstances the College of Policing will aim to respond to your request for internal review within **20 working days**.

The Information Commissioner

If, after lodging an internal review request with the College of Policing you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>.

Alternatively, write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

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Cheshire

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