

Date: 23 September 2020

Our Reference: FOIA-2020-099

RE: Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or 'FoIA 2000') request dated 26/08/2020 in which you requested the following information:

Please could you provide the following information:

1. *What training are officers provided with regarding the Prevent strategy?*
2. *What training are officers provided with regarding referring an individual to the Channel program?*

The Prevent strategy and Channel program refer to the Governments counter-terrorism program.

Questions 1 and 2 should include details of whether the training is mandatory or optional.

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.

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. In light of this, our responses and disclosures are published on our external website at a later date.

Decision

After conducting careful searches for any information relevant to your request I can confirm that there is information held and that information is provided below.

1. What training are officers provided with regarding the Prevent strategy?

The College of Policing provides training on the following areas:

- Initial entry routes (PEQF) - There are modules on counter terrorism, which include coverage of the Prevent strategy. Completion of these modules is mandatory in the sense that they contribute to the successful completion of probation and accreditation, for example the award of degree for the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship.

- The College signposts to the following courses that may be of interest. They have been developed by the Home Office. None are mandatory from a policing perspective.
Prevent Awareness - <http://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk>
Prevent Referrals - <https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/preventreferrals>
Channel Awareness -
<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/channelawareness>

2. What training are officers provided with regarding referring an individual to the Channel program?

In addition to being signposted to the above Home Office course, there is the **Channel General Awareness** package which is currently available on the MLE. It is not mandatory.

I trust this letter answers your questions. Your rights are provided in below.

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

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