

Date: 25th September 2020

Our Reference: FOIA-2020-113

RE: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or 'FoIA 2000') request dated **01/09/2020** in which you requested:

"I am researching the involvement of the police with people who are mentally ill. I understand that you have introduced into the police service a definition of what constitutes a mental health incident, for the purposes of incident recording in police 'control rooms'. Would it be possible to have a copy of this definition to assist with my research?"

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.

After conducting careful searches for any information relevant to your request, under section 1(1), I can confirm that **there is some information held**.

1. Would it be possible to have a copy of this definition to assist with my research?

I can confirm information **is held** for this part of the request. The agreed national definition for a police related mental health incident is as follows:

"Any police incident thought to relate to someone's mental health, where their vulnerability is at the centre of the incident or where the police have had to do something differently or additionally because of it".

I originally sent you a confirmation email explaining that I would process your two requests under the same reference number for ease. However, as section 12(1) FoIA has been applied to the second part of your request, in the spirit of transparency, I have separated your requests to ensure you are provided with some information under this reference number.

Your rights are provided at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Your right of review

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have a right to request an internal review if you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request. Review requests should be made in writing (by email or post) within **40 working days** from the date of our original response. We will aim to respond to your review request within **20 working days**.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

If, after lodging a review request you are still dissatisfied, you may raise the matter with the ICO. For further information you can visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>. Alternatively, you can contact them by phone or write to them at the following address:

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