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Our Reference: FOI-2020-068

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

I am writing regarding your Freedom of Information request dated 10/06/2020. You requested:

“I would like to know exactly what the requirements are, if this has recently been reviewed, and if it has not been reviewed, when it will be reviewed.

Furthermore, I would like to know if there is any form of functional test in place.”

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.

I can confirm that the College does hold the information you have requested. Please see the following extract.

Taser specially trained officers (STOs) undertake the same eyesight test as armed officers every two years.

- Colour Vision: Dichromats and severe anomalous trichromats unsuitable for firearms roles
- If colour vision status has not already been established by previous testing

Ishihara as screening test – if abnormal then confirm with both –

1A) 2nd edition City University Test (fail if 5 or more total errors or 2 errors on the large circle plates) or

1B) if the 2nd edition is unavailable, 3rd edition City University test (fail if 3 or more errors on part two of the test),

and

2) Farnsworth-Munsell D-15 (fail if 2 or more major crossings)

Officers are required to pass both additional tests.

Officers that are consistently diagnosed as protanomalous in two out of three tests should also be excluded even if they have only 2-4 errors on City University or one major crossing error on the D15 test.

Other equivalent or additional tests should be used but generally unless clinically indicated colour vision needs checking only once.

This was last reviewed in November 2019.

No bespoke functional test is currently available but this is currently being investigated with a view to developing such a test.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix A

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or our decision made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you have a right to request an internal review by the College of Policing.

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

The College of Policing will aim to respond to your request for internal review within **20 working days**.

The Information Commissioner

If, after lodging a review request you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) 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 you can write to the ICO:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF