

**Date:** 13 December 2021

**Our Reference:** FOIA-2021-145

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

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FoIA 2000') request, dated 06/12/2021, in which you requested:

- "1. During a police officers initial recruit training how many hours are dedicated to teaching
- A) Mental health?.
  - B) How much of that time is dedicated to teaching the recruit how to maintain their own mental health in throughout their career?.
  - C) Is there any time spent teaching the recruit how to avoid the stigma of having a mental health condition?.
2. During a police officers initial recruit training how many hours are dedicated to teaching the recruit to march?."

**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.

In line with section 1(1) of the FoIA, I can confirm the College **holds no recorded information** relevant to your request.

Although the College of Policing sets standards, we do not determine the specific delivery and assessment methods, this is a matter for the individual force. Therefore, the time allocated to parts 1A-1C of your request would be determined by the individual force, largely dependent upon local and operational need. In regard to question 2, the time allocated to 'teaching the recruit to march' would also be determined by individual forces, not the College.

For context, the College provides support and guidance in relation to wellbeing; this is outlined on the [College of Policing website](#) and includes the establishment of the National Police Wellbeing Service and Oscar Kilo. This support officers and police staff with: mental and physical health support; mental health outreach support; training and toolkits to improve the provision in individual forces.

Your rights can be found 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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