

**Date: 30/12/2021**

**Our Reference: FOIA-2021-147**

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

I write in response to your two Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FoIA 2000') request, dated 01/12/2021 & 08/01/2021, which you requested:

"I refer to the current procedures which were published in July 2020 and can be found online at : <https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.app.college.police.uk%2Fapp-content%2Fdeath-or-serious-injury%2F&data=04%7C01%7CContactus%40college.police.uk%7Ca7fd9c762a844763944008d9b5105a48%7C680d633d1744457e844060d694f69e7b%7C0%7C0%7C637739904107750887%7CUknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=BfWySZ1GUUMdNds%2FfAz49C3vyxpG9qx1e5nCcRalf%2Bo%3D&reserved=0>.

Would you please e mail me a copy of the procedures that were in place prior to those published in July 2020."

And...

"This is also an additional FOI Act request for the procedures to be followed prior to police officers carrying out an arrest of a suspect who is known to the Force concerned to have mental health problems - such as the carrying out of a risk assessment prior to arrest - and procedure to be followed during and after such an arrest such as officers securing prescribed medication of the suspect as soon as possible so as to prevent the suspect from taking an overdose."

**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 that information is publically available and I will provide you with the relevant APP links from our website that cover your queries below. I would also suggest contacting your relevant force in respect of local procedures in place for issues on custody. In respect of

post incident procedure for DSI there was no national guidance prior to July 2020 (apart from Armed Policing, linked below).

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/armed-policing/post-deployment/>

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/death-or-serious-injury/?s=>

**Response, arrest and detention (college.police.uk)** - This deals with initial response and risk assessment.

**Risk assessment (college.police.uk)** – Post arrival in custody - risk assessment including self-harm/suicide risk.

**Control, restraint and searches (college.police.uk)** - post arrival in custody- use of force and searching/removal of property

**Detainee care (college.police.uk)** – includes a section on the management of detainee medication.

**Mental health (college.police.uk)** – The Mental Ill Health element of detention and custody APP was decommissioned in 2016, and replaced by the Mental Health APP.

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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