

**Date: 12/01/2022**

**Our Reference: FOI-2021-157**

**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 28/12/2021, which you requested:

*"1. When did the Police acquire the authority to remove electronic equipment from a household such as computers?*

*2. When is a search warrant necessary or is it no longer required?*

*3. As your organisation gives guidance and regulations to the Police- how does the ordinary person keep abreast of new Police laws? or indeed new regulations passed by the College of Policing?"*

You then sent a further request on 07/01/2022:

*"1a. Is it legal for a police officer to search through draws at my home looking for my mobile phone? do they need a search warrant as per question 2?"*

**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 does not hold information relating to your request. Under the Freedom of Information Act we are not obligated to explain pieces of legislation, especially when they are publically available.

Yours sincerely,

**James Rose | Legal Advisor**  
**Information Management and Legal Team**

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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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