

Date: 10 February 2022

Our Reference: FOIA-2022-016

RE: Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or 'FoIA 2000') request dated 22 January 2022 in which you requested the following information:

1. The policies and procedures, including all pertinent flowcharts, checklists and forms, that apply when information about torture etc. is received by a police employee or police organization; either model timescales and other performance indicators, or examples of actual ones.
2. How many reports have been received in the past five years.
3. In how many of the cases received in the past five years have the policies and procedures not been followed.
4. What measures are in place against the risk that senior officials in your organization are just turning a blind eye to reports to torture etc. that are received, including the risk that senior officials might be trying hard not to know about reports of torture etc.
5. Whether there is a policy of ignoring information about torture that are deemed to be "just the occasional, isolated case," or something of the same kind.
6. What training your staff had within the past three years that has aimed at ensuring they each understand their obligations in respect of information or allegations of torture etc.; what was the syllabus and the written aims of the training, who delivered it, and please may I also have a copy of the training materials.
7. Where the information or allegation of torture concerns another public body, the policy and procedures for liaison with them about it.
8. Copies of documents that's show what measures that are aimed at ensuring torture does not happen and specifically that the police cannot be played for fools (e.g. as Carl Beech seems to played the Metropolitan Police in Operation Midland) and used as a torturous instrument, together with copies of the corresponding policies and procedures.

9. Policy and procedures aimed at ensuring that evidence obtained by torture cannot be used in legal proceedings, and for what actions to take when a complaint of this is received.

Decision

After conducting careful searches relating to your request, I can confirm there is no information held that falls within the specific terms of your request.

The College of Policing is not an operational policing body and does not receive reports of allegations of torture. Although not specific to investigations into allegations of torture, you may find the following areas of our Authorised Professional Practice (APP) useful; Investigation, Major Investigation and Public Protection and Detention and Custody. All of these are publically available and can be accessed at the following link <https://www.app.college.police.uk/>

I trust this letter answers your questions. Your rights are provided in **Appendix A**.

Yours sincerely,

Legal Services

Information Management and Legal Team

College of Policing

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Appendix A

Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the College of Policing made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can request that the decision is reviewed internally.

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

In all possible circumstances the College of Policing will aim to respond to your request for internal review within **20 working days**.

The Information Commissioner

If, after lodging an internal review request with the College of Policing you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner 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, write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

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