

**Date: 18/02/2022**

**Our Reference: FOIA-2022-017**

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

I write in response to your Freedom of Information request, dated 25/01/2022, which you requested:

*“I would like to read any training or guidance notes for police officers either considering a pursuit or in pursuit of, or considering carrying out a TPAC manoeuvre on, a suspect travelling with young passengers on-board, specifically very young children and infants, where it is known or recognised as highly likely that there are children on-board. I am looking for detail around additional considerations that police officers should make above and beyond the usual road policing and pursuit guidance, and whether or not it is generally considered safe or appropriate to continue with a pursuit/TPAC manoeuvre where children are present. I am interested in current guidance as well as that in force as at 01/08/2019.”*

**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 hold some of the information you require. Please find the below disclosure which notes the relevant elements in police driving national curriculum. This is in addition to the links previously provided to you by email (FOIA-2021-027, National Decision Making model, APP on pursuit).

The College of Policing owns the ‘Police Driving Curriculum’. The purpose of the document is:

*“This document is intended for trainers and associated subject matter experts who will be engaged in the delivery of the Police Driving Curriculum for new to role officers and staff; this can also be used to deliver refresher learning, where appropriate. It sets out the national curriculum and associated national minimum content coverage for a broad area of learning associated with all aspects of Police Driver and*

*Rider Training. Taken together they form a programme of learning which supports the operational use of police vehicles and includes particular specialist uses. This learning is delivered by qualified force trainers”.*

Within the NPC specific reference to ‘child’ or ‘vulnerable person’:

### Introduction to Police Pursuits

- 12. Explain the considerations to be taken into account before starting a pursuit (pursuit considerations/eight point plan)
  - 12.5 Whether the driver is, or appears to be, a child or young person or whether it appears that other vulnerable persons are in the vehicle

### Initial Phase Pursuit

- 1. Apply appropriate decision making and the pursuit considerations (criteria or 8 point plan)
  - 1.1 How to apply the National Decision Model (NDM) to a pursuit:
    - Gather information and intelligence - Identity known? – Armed? - A child or young person or vulnerable? - Type of vehicle? Seriousness of offence? Route (including anticipated route)? – Time of day/weather?
  - 1.2 Use of the pursuit considerations (eight point plan):
    - Whether the driver is, or appears to be, a child or young person or whether it appears that other vulnerable persons are in the vehicle

Yours sincerely,

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## **Appendix A**

### **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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