

**Date: 16/02/2022**

**Our Reference: FOIA-2022-019**

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

I write in response to your Freedom of Information request, dated 31/01/2022, which you requested:

Please can you provide the following:

- Code of practice on armed policing and police use of less lethal weapons – January 2020
- Armed policing strategic threat and risk assessment (APSTRA)
- Authorised Professional Practice for Armed Policing (APP-AP) issued by the college of policing
- Conducted energy devices – Attenuating energy projectiles
- Tactical advice for Police in the use of weapons

## **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 see the below:

- **Code of practice on armed policing and police use of less lethal weapons – January 2020**

Attached

- **Armed policing strategic threat and risk assessment (APSTRA)**

The College of Policing does not produce this. Attached.

- **Authorised Professional Practice for Armed Policing (APP-AP) issued by the college of policing**

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- **Conducted energy devices – Attenuating energy projectiles**

No information held under this format. You may wish to refine your request on what you are seeking.

- **Tactical advice for Police in the use of weapons**

Tactical advice is bespoke advice provided by a tactical advisor to a commander. It is not a publication or document, therefore we don't hold any information. However, I have attached some information which may be helpful. Please note the APP only relates to the police use of firearms and that there is no definitive national guidance or requirement for tactical advisors in other use of force equipment options.

Yours sincerely,

**Legal Services**

**Information Management and Legal Team**

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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:

**Information Commissioner's Office**  
**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow**

**Cheshire**

**SK9 5AF**

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