

**Date: 06/04/2022**

**Our Reference: FOIA-2022-30**

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

I write in response to your Freedom of Information request, dated 14/03/2022, which you requested:

- 1. When a taser is deployed, how much noise does it emit? (Decibels). I understand that all such equipment must be risk assessed to the user and the general public. Is there a data sheet available?*
- 2. When deployment of firearms is authorised (G36 assault rifle 5.56-0.223 cal). Do firearms police officers have continuous contact with each other via an (open radio) as both hands will be handling the firearm and therefore unable to operate a radio? Therefore would they have an earpiece?*

**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 the information you require.

1. I can confirm that the College of Policing has not conducted any tests on sound as that is not within the remit of the College. Risk assessments are a matter for the individual force, as the operational holder of that equipment. Any generic data would likely be held on the manufacturers website.
2. This is an operational issue that will vary from force to force. No information held.

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:

**Information Commissioner's Office**  
**Wycliffe House**  
**Water Lane**  
**Wilmslow**  
**Cheshire**  
**SK9 5AF**  
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