

**Date:** 07 April 2022  
**Our Reference:** FOIA-2022-033

## **RE: Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request**

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or 'FoIA 2000') request dated 18 March 2022 in which you requested the following

“for all transactions over £25,000 for the period October 2021 to February 2022.

Please provide the data in a machine readable format (**preferably csv**). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it”

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. If a public authority decides that the information should not be disclosed because an exemption applies, it must, under section 17(1) cite the appropriate section or exemption of the Act and provide an explanation for relying upon it.

It is important to note that a freedom of information request is not a private transaction. Both the request itself and any information disclosed are considered suitable for open publication, that is, once access to information is granted to one person under the legislation, it is then considered public information and must be communicated to any individual should a request be received. In light of this, our responses and disclosures are published on our external website at a later date.

## **Decision**

After conducting careful searches relating to your request, I can confirm there is information held. However this is being withheld under section 22 of the FoIA 2000 as it is intended for future publication.

Section 22 states:

(1) Information is exempt information if—

(a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),

(b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and

(c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a)

We are intending to publish the information requested, up to March 2022, by the end of April. While I recognise that there is a public interest in this information being provided in a timely manner, this must be balanced with the public interest in a public body providing the information in a cost effective way.

As there is a settled intention to publish this information, we consider that the public interest lies in withholding the information at this stage. The application of section 22 requires it to be reasonable in all of the circumstances to withhold disclosure until the intended date of publication. Given that the intention is to publish the information in the near future, we are of the view that it is reasonable to withhold it until the intended date of publication, which as stated above, is the end of this month.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Website: [www.college.police.uk](http://www.college.police.uk)

## **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](mailto: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**

**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow**

**Cheshire**

**SK9 5AF**

**Phone: 0303 123 1113**