

Our Ref: FOIA-2022-028

30 March 2022

RE: Your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000) request

I write in response to your email dated 8 March 2022 in which you made a freedom of information request in relation to whether the College had conducted training in Russia and whether the College had received any gifts and hospitality from the Russian people.

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. 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.

Having considered your request and conducted reasonable searches for information, I am now issuing my decision to you. For ease of reference, I have set out your original questions in bold with my response underneath.

1. How many days of training has the College of Policing provided to Russian police and military in each of the last ten full calendar years, since it was established in 2012?

In line with section 1(1) of FOIA 2000 I can confirm that no information is held.

2. What rank were the police and military service people who received the training over the stated period?

In line with section 1(1) of FOIA 2000 I can confirm that no information is held.

3. How much in total was the College of Policing paid for the training over the stated period?

In line with section 1(1) of FOIA 2000 I can confirm that no information is held.

4. What gifts have College of Policing employees received from people in Russia over the stated period?

In line with section 1(1) of FOIA 2000 I can confirm that no information is held.

I trust this letter answers your request. Your rights are detailed at **Appendix A**.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix A

Your Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the way we have handled your request, you can ask us to review our decision..

Internal review requests should be made in writing, within forty (40) working days and sent by email to:
FOI@college.pnn.police.uk

We will aim to respond to your request for internal review within 20 working days.

The Information Commissioner

If you are dissatisfied with our response you can make a referral to the Information Commissioner's Office 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, you can contact them by telephone on 0303 123 1113.