

**Date:** 5 May 2022

**Our Reference:** FOIA-2022-039

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

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FoIA 2000') request, dated 13/04/2022, in which you requested:

"1. Can you please provide details of the Drug Training curriculum you provide for UK Police Services beyond legislation, such as the Misuse of Drugs Act?...  
...Specifically, I seek training information on the drugs themselves - what are new recruits, and or serving officers, taught about drugs - eg. how is methamphetamine produced; what is GHB; etc.

2. Can you please provide guidance on how one would approach the College of Policing to suggest new educational materials?"

**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, after conducting careful searches, I can confirm the College **holds no recorded information** relevant to your request.

However, please find a contextual explanation for both parts of your request below:

**Part 1**

The College sets the curriculum on certain aspects of drugs training, however, forces will also use in force or external subject matter experts to deliver content about drugs and drug use. The curriculum set by the College does not cover the subject areas you have referred to in your request.

You may find it useful to view this College Authorised Professional Practice document titled 'Policing drugs': <https://www.college.police.uk/app/investigation/policing-drugs>

## **Part 2**

The curriculum is regularly maintained in collaboration with service and education providers. If an individual were wanting to 'suggest new educational materials', this would best be directed to the College National Policing Curriculum Enquires mailbox ([NationalPolicingCurriculumEnquiries@college.police.uk](mailto:NationalPolicingCurriculumEnquiries@college.police.uk)) in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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## **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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