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XXXXXXXXXX
By email

Date: 29th April 2022

Our ref: FOI 2022/284

Reply contact name is: Abigail Standidge

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30th March 2022, concerning training on illegal drugs.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business and People Development department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am researching the type and level of training on illegal drugs delivered to both new recruits and serving officers.

I am interested in the curriculum and the materials used.

Our response

The aim of the input on drugs to new recruits is as follows:

- ❖ To introduce students to the subject of controlled drugs and psychoactive substances including legislation and powers.

The specific objectives cover:

Part 1

1. What are controlled drugs and what are the risks associated with them
2. How are drugs classified in the UK
3. Powers to search and seize drugs under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
4. Personal safety considerations when dealing with Drug offences



5. Cannabis warnings
6. What is a Cancard

Part 2

1. Outline the offence of possessing a controlled drug contrary to Sec 5 of the MDA 1971
2. Outline the defences available for possession offences
3. Give examples of when a person can lawfully possess a controlled drug
4. Describe the general defences available for other MDA offences
5. Outline the offence of unlawful production of a controlled drug
6. Outline the offence of supplying a controlled drug contrary to Sec 4 of the MDA 1971
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8. Outline the offence of Possession with Intent to Supply a controlled drug (PWITS)
9. Identify the offence of controlled drugs on premises
10. Describe what a psychoactive substance is and give examples
11. Appreciate the potential harmful effects of psychoactive substances
12. Describe the legislation concerning psychoactive substances
13. Identify the mechanism for the temporary classification of new substances.
14. Identify and describe County Lines

In addition to the actual lessons, the students have regular scenario based formative assessments during which they must deal with suspected drug offences via appropriate and proportionate methods such as stop search or arrest.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely

Abigail Standidge
Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>