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Reply contact name:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24th November 2023 concerning the PLOD scheme and Deaf Awareness.

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.

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

You wrote:

1. Does your police force have a Police Link Officer for Deaf People (PLOD) scheme?
 - 1a. If so, how many PLOD officers does your force have?
 - 1b. What British Sign Language (BSL) qualifications do those PLOD officers have?
2. How many of your officers have received Deaf Awareness training?
3. How many suspects in the last 12 months have disclosed that they are deaf or hard of hearing?
4. How many suspect interviews have required the use of a BSL-English Interpreter in the last 12 months?

Response:

Wiltshire Police does not have a PLOD scheme.

4 suspects have used a BSL interpreter within the last 12 months.

There is not any specific Deaf Awareness training currently provided although this is touched upon within other training.

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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,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker