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Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/02584

I write in connection with your request for information received on 15th April. I note you seek access to the following information:

Media training

Hi, Please could tell me:

- 1. What media training do your officers receive?**
- 2. Is this training provided in house or by an external company?**
- 3. If it provided by an external company, are you able to provide the name of the company?**
- 4. In the last financial year (2017-2018) how much was spent on media training for officers?**

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

RESPONSE - Following enquiries conducted by Bedfordshire Police and their Corporate Communication Department within the Force please see our response below: -

1. Officers are trained for media as part of their investigator training. Corporate Communications also carries out training for officers where gaps are identified, or there is specific issues which require media handling.
2. Training is provided 'in house' by Bedfordshire Police Corporate Communications.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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