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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/06743

I write in connection with your request for information received on 22nd October. I note you seek access to the following information:

- (1) **From 1st January 2010 to date how many people in total have sat as members on Independent Advisory groups (IAG)**
- (2) **From 1st January 2010 to date how many people of South Asian ethnicity have sat as members on Independent Advisory groups (IAG)**
- (3) **Can you breakdown those identified in the answer to Q2 by the numbers of male and female South Asian members of IAGs since 1st January 2010?**
- (4) **How many IAGs does your force currently have, and can you provide some details of their purpose?**
- (5) **Do you have any specific IAGs that deal with South Asian issues? Such as IAGs set up in mosques and temples.**
- (6) **Are all IAG members subject to a DBS check by your force?**
- (7) **What is the vetting process to become an IAG member?**

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 officers within the Force please see our response below: -

1. Our current membership for the IAG is 29 individuals
2. Currently we have 10 people from a South Asian background as members of the IAG.
3. Male – 8 Female – 2 (this figure is current membership of the IAG).
4. Bedfordshire Police currently have 2 IAGs, these are split geographically to provide support to both the North and South of the county.
5. Bedfordshire Police do not have any specific South Asian IAGs
- 6 & 7 All IAG members are vetted to NPPV2. Pleased see the table below

NPPV level 2 (abbreviated) – checks and enquiries

Applicant	Minimum checks	Access to assets protective marking requirements
<p>Non-police personnel with no systems access.</p>	<p>On applicant, partner and co-residents (aged 10 years and over):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNC • local intelligence checks • PND/other force checks • Special Branch. <p>On applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • military checks • professional standards checks (as required) • CTC may be applied where appropriate • where an applicant meets the residency qualification but identifies a period of residency outside the UK, consideration should be given to undertaking checks through the ACRO criminal records office for any potential foreign convictions. 	<p>NPPV level 2 (abbreviated) allows access to police material up to OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE, either on police premises or by remote access.</p> <p>No systems access.</p>

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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