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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/07824

I write in connection with your request for information received on 13th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am conducting research into the effect and frequency of stop and search training and stop and search positive outcomes. In order for me to obtain data to support my dissertation research I respectfully request that you provide me with the answer to the following question under a freedom of information request.

- (1) How often, excluding initial recruit training, have you provided either mandatory or non-mandatory stop and search training to your police officers in the last 12 months, 24 months 36 months. If refresher training was provided was it by means of face to face training by qualified trainers? Or via a digital training package?**
- (2) Has your force provided any face to face public training/ awareness, covering police stop and search powers e.g. A community officer delivering awareness / training to year 10-11 high school pupils. Has this taken place in a Constabulary structured and approved manner in the last 12 months, 24 months 36, months**
- (3) Could you please tell me how many police officers your force had in 2017,2018 and 2019 at the time of this request**

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 Learning & Development team within the Force please see our response below: -

1. Over the last 12 months we have delivered 3 internal training sessions to staff regarding stop and search, this was delivered face to face by the force tactical lead for stop and search. Over the last 24 months we have delivered a further 16 training sessions to staff, again this was face to face and delivered by the tactical lead, the reason for this increase was due to the implementation of TuServ an electronic recording system.
2. Bedfordshire Police have commissioned the chair of Bedfordshire Stop Search Scrutiny Panel to deliver training on stop and search to community members, these have taken place once in the last 12 months and on 5 occasions over the last 24 months. The force tactical lead for stop and search has taken part in delivering this training on each occasion.
3. I can confirm that information relating to this has been published on Gov.uk website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/police-workforce-england-and-wales>

This information is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 21 provides that where information is available to you from another source we do not have to provide further copies. The information you have requested is available on [Insert Name] website using the above link.

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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