

Operation Quito

South Yorkshire Police has produced the below Publication Strategy in anticipation of a significant number of requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act in relation to the above operation. The strategy aims to provide a transparent approach to FOI detailing what exists and what can and cannot be released. Producing such a strategy will assist the Force and the public in ensuring timely and transparent responses to all requests.

The FOI publication strategy will enable us to, when appropriate use the powers within FOI legislation found at section 22. Section 22 exempts information from disclosure which is intended for future publication. The key to it is that the decision to publish must have been made prior to any request for the information being received.

The identified benefits of engaging this exemption are that dealing with requests for certain data whilst the operation is ongoing can be complex and resource intensive. Additionally, random piecemeal disclosures may in fact damage the process and affect the strategic aims of the operation.

Category	Types of Information	Publication Strategy
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press/media releases 	Such communications will be released on an ongoing basis – standard media strategies and considerations apply
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence with outside agencies (such as Local Authority) • Internal Communications 	Information will not be released while the operation is ongoing. When the operation, including any related activity, has concluded consideration will be given to releasing information listed subject to any relevant exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and consulting with relevant third parties as necessary.
Strategy and Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication/Media Strategies • Operational strategies 	
Decision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Group Minutes • Minutes of joint strategy meetings • Policing plans 	
Finance	<p>Costings associated with the operation including but not limited to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of policing protests • The total of the addition cost to SYP i.e. not included in standard time 	<p>SYP recognise the understandable public interest as regards how much in terms of police resources, and by extension, public funds, will be expended in achieving the goals of Operation Quito.</p> <p>Many actual costs will not be known until some time after the operation is concluded and all invoices/claims have been received and accounting has been completed.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any travelling/accommodation costs • Budget and overspend/under spend • Legal costs 	<p><u>Please note</u> a figure for 'standard time' worked by all Officers/Staff engaged on Operation Quito, will not be held by the Force and to produce this would be excessive and impracticable.</p>
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource allocations • Number and position within the organisation that worked on Operation Quito 	<p>Again, this figure cannot be provided until the operation is concluded as numbers will change throughout.</p>
Operational Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of arrests, charges, convictions • Injuries to officers • Injuries to members of the public, including agency workers • Damage to any property 	<p>Such information, where it has been identified and recorded by the force (particularly in relation to injuries to members of the public and damage to property) will be published as part of the SIO's debrief Report (see below). All disclosure to be made subject to any relevant exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and consulting with relevant third parties as necessary.</p>
Outcome/Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public facing SIO Debrief Report 	<p>Matters relevant to specific policing issues and sensitive strategic matters will not appear within any publicly circulated review document until the operation and any associated subsequent proceedings are fully complete. Disclosure to be made subject to any relevant exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and consulting with relevant third parties as necessary.</p>

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Professional Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of complaints • How many, if any are meet the criteria under the Police Reform Act 2002 and if so provide the outcomes. • Number of referrals to the IPCC 	<p>SYP are committed to being open and accountable. Experience has shown that Police Forces are likely to receive complaints during such operations.</p> <p>The information is intended for future publication once any such claims have been investigated and finalise, subject any relevant exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and consulting with relevant third parties as necessary.</p>