

15 May 2018

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180615**

**REQUEST**

Please provide a copy of the following held by the SYP FOI team:

1. Any communication sent out by SYP FOI team in relation to FOI 20180371 to the various departments who record and hold the requested data.
2. Any and all replies and response from those departments outlined in 1 from departments who record and hold the requested data to SYP FOI team.
3. Identify when SYP FOI team was first advised that there was a publication strategy for Operation Quito, and that it was drafted prior to the date of the above request made to SYP.
4. Provide a copy of the publication strategy for Operation Quito.

**RESPONSE**

**Questions 1, 2 & 3**

In accordance with 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I can advise you that South Yorkshire Police holds all of the information in relation to your request and we are able to disclose this to you in full, as attached, but subject to the below exemption:

**Section 40(2) Personal Information.**

This is an absolute exemption and therefore a Public Interest Test is not relevant. However, for clarity, I will explain my rationale for engaging this exemption. Section 40(2) provides that information is exempt if it is the personal data of someone other than the applicant and disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles. The term 'personal data' means data that relates to a living individual who can be identified. Personal email addresses, telephone numbers and names of those not in a public facing role have been redacted.

**Question 4**

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and
- c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies).

The exemption applicable to your request falls under section 21. This states 'Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant'.

**A link to Operation Quito Publication Strategy was included in our response to your FOI request 20180371. For your convenience I have copied the same details from that**

**response below and provided a link to the Publication Strategy which is now published in the sub-section 'Significant Public Interest' on SYP's website.**

*'The information you request falls within the scope of South Yorkshire Police's Publication Strategy. Please see the following link to the Publication Strategy for Operation Quito'*

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/operation-quito-tree-felling-from-jan-2018/>