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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20171326

REQUEST

**1. Please can you provide me with a list that details which discretionary powers are designated for Police Community Support Officers in your force, as listed in Annex B of the Government's Police community support officers powers publication:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/117572/pcso-powers.pdf**

2. Can you also provide me with copies of any current guidance produced by the force for police staff engaged in the detention and handling of persons in police custody that provide information on procedures, priorities, and liability in case of injury or death of persons in custody.

RESPONSE

I contacted our Strategic Development Unit and our Community Safety Department for assistance with your request. They were able to provide me with the below information, and explanations of the information.

Question 1

*“full list of ‘Standard’ and ‘Discretionary’ powers presently designated to South Yorkshire PCSOs are provided in the attached document.
It is inclusive of the Annex A (‘Standard’) Powers which all PCSOs across the UK are given as well the requested Annex B (‘Discretionary’) Powers as granted by the Chief Constable”*

Question 2

“ we don’t have any specific policy or procedure about our police staff who work within the custody arena. The custody staff have to abide by PACE and therefore work within those guidelines”

Therefore our response to Question 2 is one of “No Information Held”

I have copied the below link for your reference which may prove useful for your research

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/police-and-criminal-evidence-act-1984-pace-codes-of-practice>