

Orgreave – Publication Strategy

The IPCC has begun a review of all the Orgreave material for relevance to the on-going Hillsborough investigation into the actions of police officers in the aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster, as well as in connection with Orgreave. The Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign are considering seeking a judicial review into the Home Secretary's decision not to hold a public inquiry into the events at Orgreave. The Home Affairs Select Committee is considering what steps it may take to pursue the matter of an inquiry/review and has written to all police forces to establish the extent and scale of involvement of other police forces. There have also been calls to open up the South Yorkshire Police Orgreave/Miners' Strike Archive. In consideration of these matters, once all investigations/inquiries are complete, South Yorkshire Police intends to publish the Orgreave/Miners' Strike Archive so that it is electronically accessible to all. The process for disclosure will begin as soon as the IPCC's review is complete and there are no outstanding issues in relation to their investigation. However, should judicial review proceedings be initiated, and subsequently should any inquiry or review be announced by the Home Secretary or the Home Affairs Select Committee, publication will be delayed until after the conclusions.

South Yorkshire Police has produced the below Publication Strategy in anticipation of requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOI"). The strategy aims to provide a transparent approach to freedom of information 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 pursuant to s.22 FOI. Section 22 FOI 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 data whilst a disclosure process is ongoing can be complex and resource intensive. In addition, piecemeal disclosures may in fact damage the process and affect the strategic aims of the public disclosure.

Category	Types of Information	Publication Strategy
Orgreave Archive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements • Reports • Maps • AV • Photographs • Complaint Files • Mutual Aid • Court Files • Correspondence • Newspaper Clippings • Legal Papers • Misc 	<p>The IPCC has begun a review of all the Orgreave material for relevance to the on-going Hillsborough investigation into the actions of police officers in the aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster, as well as in connection with Orgreave.</p> <p>There have also been calls to open up the South Yorkshire Police Orgreave/Miners' Strike Archive.</p> <p>Once all investigations/inquiries are complete, South Yorkshire Police will publish all the Orgreave/Miners' Strike Archive, subject to application of Freedom of Information principles and the Data Protection Act Exemptions.</p>
Communications during the publication process	<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"> • Other outside agencies • Internal Communications 	Information will not be released while the process is ongoing.
Strategy and Policy for the publication process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication/Media Strategies • Operational strategies 	When the process is fully complete, consideration will be given to releasing information listed subject to any relevant exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Decision Making during the publication process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Group Strategy • Gold Group Agendas/Action Schedules/Minutes 	Information will not be released while the process is ongoing. When the process is fully complete, consideration will be given to releasing information listed subject to any relevant exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Finance for the publication process	<p>COSTINGS including but not limited to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of the addition cost to SYP i.e. not included in standard time • Any travelling/accommodation costs • Budget and overspend/under spend 	<p>SYP recognise the understandable public interest as regards how much in terms of police resources, and by extension, public funds, will be expanded in achieving the goals of the disclosure process.</p> <p>Many actual costs will not be known until sometime after the process is complete and all invoices/claims have been received and accounting has been completed.</p> <p><u>Please note</u> a figure for 'standard time' worked by all Officers/Staff engaged in the process, will not be held by the Force and to produce this would be excessive and impracticable.</p>
Staffing for the publication process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and position within the organisation that worked on the publication process 	<p>Again, this figure cannot be provided until all proceedings are complete, as numbers will change.</p>
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of serving staff employed during the Miners' Strike 	<p>This will form part of the publication process</p>
Professional Standards – issues arising during the publication process	<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 is committed to being open and accountable. Experience has shown that Police Forces are likely to receive complaints during such proceedings.</p> <p>The information is intended for future publication once any such claims have been investigated.</p>