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REQUEST – Follow-up to FOI Request 20180789

I would like to ask for more information under which a crime reported to your Force can be screened out. I feel your Force must hold more information than that contained in the text fragment you have already sent me.

Could you therefore also provide me with copies of any policy/training documents which lay out under what circumstances a crime can be screened out? I've given some examples of the kind of thing I'm after, below, but my request is not simply limited to these examples:

- Please can you provide me with a copy of the assessment criteria used by staff to determine whether a reported crime should be screened out.
- Please can you provide me with a copy of the policy document showing what crimes are eligible to potentially be screened out? It might cover, for example, if there is a value under which thefts are eligible to potentially be screened out.
- Please can you provide me with any documents made available to staff explaining/training/discussing what level of investigation is appropriate for a crime, and when a crime should be screened out
- Please can you provide me with any documents covering how staff should make the decision whether or not to screen out . By this I mean any document, perhaps - but not limited to - one used in training or in practice, which discusses, gives examples, or outlines a procedure around on what occasions a crime should be investigated further, and when it should not.
- Please can you send me your Force Crime Management Policy.

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Support Hub within Specialist Crime Services for assistance with your request. An Inspector has provided the following:

The Crime Support Hub has introduced a proportionate investigation guide, in line with a SOLVE guide. These tools offer the officer some guidance around the best way to investigate crimes.

We use the National Decision Making Model and apply a THRIVE (threat/harm/risk/investigation/vulnerability/engagement) risk assessment to each investigation, recording clear rationale as to why a crime is or isn't being allocated , this has been deemed good practice by HMIC– we do not actually Screen & file crimes within the HUB.

Value does not specifically play a part in the filing of crimes, however it will be relevant to the public interest test and proportionate investigation decision.

I have attached the 2 frame works, which I am hoping will assist.

Also attached is the Investigation Policy P9 Investigations and Procedural Instruction Pi9.12 - Crime Management which now covers the crime recording element of your request for our 'Crime Management Policy'. This can also be found using the following link where all policies are disclosed.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/policies/>

The following specific link to the Authorised Professional Practice (APP) – a website developed and owned by the College of Policing may also be of interest. This is an official source of information relating to policies and practice to which Police officers and staff are expected to have regard in discharging their responsibilities.

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/>