

13th June 2019

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191346

REQUEST

1. *Did South Yorkshire Police utilise the 5x5x5 process for intelligence management, as specified and detailed by The College of Policing (<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/intelligence-management/intelligence-report/#>), to evaluate this statement made by contractors before regarding it as “intelligence” and disseminating it in a wider context?*
2. *If the 5x5x5 process was not invoked what process was used to establish the veracity of the statement before disseminating it to officers and other agencies and including it in communications plan for operation Quito?*
3. *What other agencies were briefed with allegations from the statement as quoted in the Communications Plan as above?*

RESPONSE

I approached our District Command Team Superintendent for assistance with your request. He has supplied the following to answer your request questions.

Q1 Yes

Q2 Not relevant as we have followed the College of Policing guidance.

Q3 – South Yorkshire Police holds the information you request. However, as this is already freely available, we will not be supplying the information to you now

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.

Section 21 ‘Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant’.

The information in regards to meetings and arrangements on Op Quito/Testate can be found on the South Yorkshire Police website and can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/>