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**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190571**

**REQUEST**

*I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:*

- 1. A list of all police stations run by the police force (or predecessor forces) in 2010/11, including their locations and postcodes*
- 2. A list of all police desks/enquiry offices run by the police force (or predecessor forces) in locations other than police stations in 2010/11, including their locations and postcodes, and opening times (if available).*

*If 2010/11 information is not available for questions 1 and 2, please provide information for the earliest year for which the information is held.*

- 3. A list of all police stations run by the police force in 2018/19, including their locations and postcodes.*
- 4. A list of all police desks/enquiry offices run by the police force in locations other than police stations in 2018/19, including their locations and postcodes, and opening times.*

*Having checked a number of police force disclosure logs, I am aware that police forces have received similar requests in the last two years. However, they do not always show new locations that opened to replace closed locations (having been focused on closures rather than full location lists), and sometimes omit police desks/enquiry offices. In addition, many forces do not publish disclosure logs at all. As a result, I have decided to send this as a fresh request.*

**CLARIFICATION**

Please could you clarify the following point(s): -

I have been advised by our facilities manager that we do not record if a building has or hasn't got a "counter" specifically, we can provide a list of operational buildings and closed ones. An operational building can be where an officer clocks on, visits or works out of as well as one that may be open to the public. Will an Operational buildings list be suitable for your research.

**FROM THE REQUESTER**

*That will suffice for questions 2 and 4, though any additional information the force can provide regarding the usage of these buildings would be greatly appreciated.*

**RESPONSE**

As advised we do not record if a building has specifically got a counter as a building may be open to the public but perhaps as a drop in centre for info/surgery and not a counter as such.

Each force in the country uses different systems to record data whether crime or assets and therefore information is not always retrievable in the same or even similar format. We have provided what we have classed as operational buildings within South Yorkshire Police area.

Our Facilities Manager has provided the attached spreadsheet and below explanation to answer your request.

*Using the principle of 'police operational use'.*

*Q1 is the combined lists Stations Closed and Current Sites.*

*Q3 is the Current Sites list only.*