

22nd May 2019

## **Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191070**

### **REQUEST**

*In a Freedom of Information request to South Yorkshires Police and crime commissioner ([https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/the\\_review\\_of\\_the\\_report\\_into\\_th#incoming-1324883](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/the_review_of_the_report_into_th#incoming-1324883)) a request for the source of the information used by Assistant Chief Constable David Hartley in his interview on radio Sheffield in March 2018 where he stated “we have seen 9 arrests the majority for assault”.*

*In the reply on the 7th March 2019 Dr Alan Billings includes the following paragraph “ First, I have shared your communication with South Yorkshire Police’s Media Team so they can provide you with the information you have requested in respect of Assistant Chief Constable David Hartley’s interview. Let me know if this is not forthcoming.”*

*On the date for writing this FOI this information has not been forthcoming, so please could you supply me with the following information.*

- 1) Please could you state if South Yorkshire Police received this information from Dr Billings*
- 2) If you did receive this information please may I have a copy of any discussion on this subject*
- 3) Please could I have the source of the information used by ACC David Hartley in March 2018 as originally requested.*

### **RESPONSE**

I approached Media for assistance with Q1&2:

Q1 – Yes – The information was received via email to our Media Team on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.

Q2 – “No Information Held”

Q3

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 following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

#### **Section 21 ‘Information which is reasonably accessible by other means’.**

The information is available on the South Yorkshire Police website under the heading of Categories of Significant Interest and can be accessed by the below link.

Recorded information provided to David Hartley prior to the interview.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/operation-quito-tree-felling-from-jan-2018/media-brief-radio-interview-feb-2018/>