

26th August 2020

## **Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20201742**

### **REQUEST**

***Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with the following:***

- 1) The number of police stations the force currently operates that includes active serving police officers.***
- 2) The number of police stations the force operated that included active serving police officers in 2015.***
- 3) A full breakdown of where active duty serving police officers are stationed throughout the force broken down by police station and/or borough/local ward area (please provide both station and geographic breakdowns if they exist). Please state the numbers of officers and their ranks stationed at individual police stations throughout the force's area of jurisdiction.***

### **RESPONSE**

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 31(1) Law Enforcement**

##### **Harm**

To disclose the number of Police Officers working in a specific location could cause harm to the Police service's ability to protect the public it serves and could prejudice its ability to perform core functions such as the prevention and detection of crime. Releasing refined data or low figures would give individuals with criminal intent the intelligence required to disrupt police activity and target innocent members of the public. Criminals would be able to identify in which force areas resources are weak, and use this knowledge to their advantage in furthering criminal activity around the county and country as a whole. The disclosure of information which is likely to undermine the Police service's ability to serve the public in preventing and detecting crime can only be considered as being harmful to the public.

##### **Factors Favouring Disclosure**

The disclosure of this information would adhere to the general principle of openness and transparency and better inform the public about how public funds are spent, better awareness which may reduce crime or lead to more information from the public.

## **Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure**

The disclosure of this information would undermine law enforcement resulting in more crime being committed. This would have an impact on Police resources and place individuals and the general public at risk. Patterns could be drawn which would enable those intent on criminal activities to strategically plan offences based on this data. The force would then be required to adapt its methods in order to continue to prevent and detect crime.

## **Balancing Test**

The Police Service is tasked with enforcing the law and protecting the community we serve and there is a public interest argument in ensuring we are open and transparent. However the disclosure of police resources which would harm the ability of South Yorkshire Police to prevent and detect crime is a more influential reason. It is therefore my opinion that the balance lies in favour of non-disclosure of the information at this time.

I am however happy to release the below detail and explanation provided to me by our Facilities and Assessment Manager.

*I am assuming the request is for SYP Owned properties that have Neighbourhoods and Response teams in them.*

Any sites which are marked in **Yellow are sites with enquiry desks for public access**

*I've listed answers to Q1 and Q2 below.*

### **Q1**

*Current Police Station List:*

#### **DONCASTER DISTRICT**

<b>Doncaster Police Station</b>	College Road, Doncaster, DN1 3HX
Thorne Police Station	Durham Avenue, Fieldside, Thorne, Doncaster, DN8 4AN
Rossington Police Station	Station Road, Rossington, Doncaster, DN11 0DZ
Mexborough Police Station	Adwick Road, Mexborough, Doncaster, S64 0DB
Doncaster Davis House	Barnsley Road, Scawsby, Doncaster, DN5 8EQ
Doncaster Dome	Dome Leisure Park, Hereton Way, Doncaster, DN4 7NN
Heyford House	First Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster, DN9 3RH
Adwick Police station	Malton Rd, Adwick Le St, DN6 7AB

#### **BARNSLEY DISTRICT**

<b>Barnsley District Headquarters</b>	Churchfields, Barnsley, S70 2DL (including custody suite)
Royston Police Station	Station Road, Barnsley, S71 4EU
Wombwell Police Station	Park Street, Wombwell, Barnsley, S73 0HF
Cudworth Police Station	Manor Road, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8DG
Goldthorpe Police Station	High Street, Goldthorpe, Barnsley, S63 8DG
Penistone Police Station	Bridge Street, Penistone, Barnsley, S30 6AJ

Hoyland Police Station  
Kendry Police Station

Hoyland Road, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 0AP  
91-97 Cypress Road, Barnsley, S70 3LX

### **ROTHERHAM DISTRICT**

Rotherham District  
Headquarters

Main Street, Rotherham, S60 1QY

Rawmarsh Police Station

Green Lane, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, S62 6JW

Maltby Police Station

Byford Road, Maltby, Rotherham, S66 8ER

### **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT**

Attercliffe Police Station

60 Attercliffe Common, Attercliffe Sheffield, S9 2AD

Elm Tree Section Station

723-725 City Road, Sheffield, S2 2GJ

Meadowhall Section Station

Meadowhall Retail Park, Sheffield S9 1EP

Ecclesfield District  
Headquarters

321 The Common, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, S35 9WL –

Deepcar Police Station

70 Manchester Road, Deepcar, Sheffield, S35 5RE

Moss Way District  
Headquarters

Moss Way, Sheffield, S20 7XX

Woodseats Police Station

Chesterfield Road, Woodseats, Sheffield, S8 0SL

Snig Hill

Snig Hill, Sheffield, S3 8LY

### **OPERATIONS COMPLEX**

Dog Section

Dog Section, Niagara Road, Sheffield, S6 1LU-

Ring Farm Stables

Ring Farm Stables, Carr Lane, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8EH-

Operations Complex

Operations Complex, Europa Way, Tinsley, Sheffield, S9 1XZ

### **Q2**

The Following sites are no longer operational as police stations (Red are no longer utilised by SYP and have been disposed of):

Crowe Flats SNT Base

Dinnington Police Station

High Green SNT

Crosspool SNT

Hayes House Police Station

Dodworth Police Station

Mapplewell Police Station

Wath Police Station

Stainforth Police Station