



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 07/2026

Date: 2 March 2026

Request:

On the 17th November 2025 you published FOI 35/2025.

Contained within your answer was a document entitled “outworking from the briefing to the Board on the work of Police Administration Branch [held on 9 October 2019].

Appendix A Point 8 refers to case studies as part of a power point presentation.

Request: Could I please be provided with copies of all of the case studies that are redacted at point 8.

My request is for these to be provided un redacted.

In the original FOI 35/2025 you rely on Section 40[2] to withhold the details of the case studies even though you refer to them as having been “Anonymised” at 1.3 in the paper referred to above.

Anonymised information is not personal data.

Answer:

The paper entitled “outworking from the briefing to the Board on the work of Police Administration Branch held on 9 October 2019, referenced in your request relates to a case study rather than multiple case studies as suggested.

This individual case study contains personal information that would allow the individual to be identified and as such is not considered to be truly anonymised data as per data protection legislation. This information is exempt from release under Section 40 (2) Personal Data of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This personal data is exempt from disclosure as, in our view, it would be unfair to provide it to you, and therefore disclosure would be in contravention of the first principle of the UK Data Protection Regulation. This is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

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