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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190202

REQUEST

I am still interested in all documents and materials used to write the report but in particular, in this first instance, would like to be supplied with any information relating to published allegations of 'violent tactics' being used by tree protesters.

How many reports of 'violent tactics' have been received?

Who reported these incidents, by what method?

When were they reported?

Were they recorded, do they have incident numbers?

What investigations were done to ascertain the truthfulness of the claims and what were the results?

I hope this helps to narrow down your initial search.

I am aware that SYP have released Op Testate and Op Quito communications but these do not cover my request.

RESPONSE

Your request was transferred to us from the Police & Crime Commissioners Office to assist.

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 is already on the South Yorkshire Police website and can be accessed via the link below:

All details/documentation in relation to Op Quito/Testate that can be disclosed is being put on our SYP website within the Categories of Interest section. Please see the below link:

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

Exemptions where necessary have been applied to protect the effectiveness of the operation, further lines of enquiry and the integrity of any investigations. If documentation on

a specific subject/incident is not published this is because exemptions have been applied and the documents not released.

Section 40(2) Personal Information.

Section 30(1) Investigations and Proceedings conducted by the Local Authority

Section 31(1) Law Enforcement

Section 38(1) Health and Safety.

Section 42(1) Legal Professional Privilege

You may also find checking on our Freedom of Information Disclosure Log useful:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/op-quito-ref-20181418/>

A search of website using the search word “Quito” will return a number of disclosures on this subject.

Further information is available:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/news/>

And by using the search function on the website.