

23rd February 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210246

REQUEST

I acknowledge that (highly redacted) 'Incident Logs' have been published pertaining to 'Operation Testate' (<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/operation-quito-tree-felling-from-jan-2018/>) and 'Operation Quito' (<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/operation-testate-tree-felling-prior-to-jan-2018/>).

However, I note that no incident logs have been published for either of these two Operations between 6/1/18 and 24/1/18 or between 24/1/18 and 12/2/18, even though Police activity connected to the felling of street trees continued during that period.

Request 1. Please provide the missing 'Incident Logs' for Operations Testate and Quito for the following inclusive dates: 7th January 2018 to 23th January 2018 and 25th January 2018 to 11th February 2018.

If policing the public resistance to tree felling in the time periods in question somehow fell outside the named 'Operations', please provide incident logs relating to that activity.

Request 2. Please confirm whether an allegation of a fractured wrist sustained by an individual who may have been working for a sub-contractor to Amey on Meersbrook Park Road on 22nd January 2018 (in the presence of SYP Officers) was logged and / or referred to in any Incident logs or similar for either Operation Testate and / or Quito. Please provide any documentation relating to this incident.

RESPONSE

Q1- This type of data for the dates you are requesting has been released previously and published on our Force website. All Incidents on this subject dating from November 2016 to April 2018 have been considered for release and published.

The reason any incident recorded on our Incident Management system has not been published is because exemptions have been triggered. The same reason that some incidents are redacted is because exemptions have been triggered.

Exemptions detail: <https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/operation-quito-tree-felling-from-jan-2018/op-quitotestate-response/>

For the period 7.1.2018 to 23.1.2018 - I can see from our log it gives the impression we only released incidents from the 24.1.2018 onwards. But in the spirit of the FOI Act I have rechecked and can confirm that any incident that could be published was published. In the time period 7.1.2018 to 23.1.2018 there is in fact an Incident where the word "quito" formed part of a bigger word in an address. This was not released as it does not refer to Op Quito but an address.

Q2 – The detail that doesn't trigger any exemptions on this subject has been provided to you previously and also published on our Disclosure Log in line with our Publication Strategy.

Therefore, to both parts of your request a Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant exemption is applied.

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 you are requesting is freely available on the South Yorkshire Police website. It can be accessed on links:

Q1

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

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

Q2

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/freedom-of-information-requests-op-quito-op-testate/op-quito-injury-allegation-briefing-provenance-ref-20202233/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/freedom-of-information-requests-op-quito-op-testate/op-quito-jan-2018-ref-20210005/>