

FOI – 048

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11th January 2016 concerning human trafficking and modern slavery.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows:

1a) data on funding the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has allocated to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to: a dedicated unit, staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area for the years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17. If this is not possible or too broad please refer to 1b)

In 2013 the Commissioner's Innovation Fund allocated £660 to the charity Unchosen, based in Swindon, to organise a human trafficking awareness event.

1b) data on any funding the PCC has allocated to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to: a dedicated unit, staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area since 2012. If this is not possible or too broad, please refer to 1c)

See above

1c) data on any funding the PCC has allocated to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to: a dedicated unit, staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area in 2014-15.

See above

2) If the PCC hasn't allocated any funding specifically to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area since 2012 please confirm that in writing.

Not applicable

3a) Please provide details of the time period covered by the latest Police and Crime Plan.

The Police and Crime Plan is available on the PCC website, here: <http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/Transparency/Statutory-Information.aspx>. This information is therefore reasonably accessible by other means and exempt under Section 23 of the FOI Act 2000.

However, I can confirm that the current Police and Crime Plan covers the period 2015 -2017

3b) Does the latest Police and Crime Plan include any reference to human trafficking and/or modern slavery? Please answer yes or no.

Please see response to 3a. I can, however, confirm that there are no references to human trafficking or modern slavery within the plan.

3c) If the answer at 3b) is no, please provide any other document that may contain any plan specifically dedicated to human trafficking/modern slavery within the force area dating back to 2012.

Information not held. However I understand that the Constabulary may hold this information. They can be contacted at forcedisclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

4) If the force area hasn't had/doesn't a plan specifically dedicated to human trafficking and/or modern slavery since 2012, can you please confirm that in writing.

Please see above.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information with regard to an exempt body as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case.

Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

Exemptions:

Section 21 Information reasonably accessible by other means

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I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me, and been considered in the light of your request, within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.