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Dear FOI applicant

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request regarding knife bins received in this office on 27 September 2019.

The PCC's Weapon Surrender Bin programme has seen hundreds of weapons taken off the streets in recent years. From knives, machetes and daggers to imitation and live firearms. The scheme has continued to grow to the point where 6 of the 7 boroughs in the West Midlands now has a surrender bin. The scheme runs on communities wanting to have bins in their area. The PCC has committed that for those communities who wish to have a surrender bin in their area, they will be able to have one.

1) How many weapons were submitted in the following weapon surrender bin locations between the year July 2017 to July 2018?

The Weapon Surrender Bins are emptied periodically and not by year. I cannot provide the information for July 2017- July 2018. However, I have provided the information from September 2017 – July 2018 below.

New Testament Church of God, Lozells Road, Erdington, Birmingham - 18
New Testament Church of God Erdington, Goosemoor Lane, Birmingham - 11
ALDI, 273, Stratford Road, Birmingham - 55
Tesco Superstore, 278-299 Aston Lane, Birmingham –
New Testament Church of God, George Street West, Hockley, Birmingham – 22
Ghamkol Sharif Mosque, Golden Hillock Road, Birmingham N/A – bin not installed at this time
Morrisons, New Rd, Rubery, Birmingham N/A – bin not installed at this time
Goodman Street, Ladywood, Birmingham N/A – bin not installed at this time

2) How many weapons were submitted in the following weapon surrender bin locations between the year July 2018 to July 2019?

The Weapon Surrender Bins are emptied periodically and not by year. I cannot provide the information for July 2018- July 2019. However, I have provided the information from July 2018 – March 2019 below.

New Testament Church of God, Lozells Road, Birmingham – 42
New Testament Church of God Erdington, Goosemoor Lane, Birmingham - 32
ALDI, 273, Stratford Road, Birmingham – 3
New Testament Church of God, George Street West, Hockley, Birmingham - 15
Tesco Superstore, 278-299 Aston Lane, Birmingham - 20
Ghamkol Sharif Mosque, Golden Hillock Road, Birmingham N/A – bin not installed at this time
Morrisons, New Rd, Rubery, Birmingham N/A – bin not installed at this time
Goodman Street, Ladywood, Birmingham N/A – bin not installed at this time

3) How much did the following weapon surrender bins cost?

New Testament Church of God, Lozells Road, Birmingham
New Testament Church of God Erdington, Goosemoor Lane, Birmingham
ALDI, 273, Stratford Road, Birmingham
New Testament Church of God, George Street West, Hockley, Birmingham
Tesco Superstore, 278-299 Aston Lane, Birmingham

There is not an assessed cost for the above 5 surrender bins. A sum was paid to Word for Weapons for 8 replacement bins right across the West Midlands. This included removal of old bins, installation of new ones, brackets, locks etc. As such, calculating a cost for this is not possible.

Ghamkol Sharif Mosque, Golden Hillock Road, Birmingham - No charge, supplied by British Ironworks Ltd
Morrisons, New Rd, Rubery, Birmingham - No charge, supplied by British Ironworks Ltd
Goodman Street, Ladywood, Birmingham – No charge, supplied by British Ironworks Ltd

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email to the Legal Advisor to the Police and Crime Commissioner. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

The Legal Advisor
West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ
Telephone: 0121 626 6060

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. West Midlands Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by the Legal Advisor.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken. If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45 Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive