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Our Reference: 2024-00050
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Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **3 February** 2024 in which you asked:

'I am writing to request access to the official policy document regarding police pursuits employed by West Midlands Police Force. As a concerned citizen, I believe it is essential to understand the protocols and guidelines governing police pursuits to ensure public safety and accountability within our community.

Specifically, I am seeking information on the following aspects of the pursuit policy and procedures:

Criteria for initiating a pursuit, including the severity of the offense, risk assessment procedures, and considerations for public safety.

Procedures for communication and coordination between officers involved in the pursuit and with dispatch centres.

Protocols for assessing and managing risks to civilians, officers, and property during pursuit situations.

Guidelines for determining when to terminate a pursuit, including circumstances such as dangerous driving behaviour, the presence of pedestrians, or road conditions.

Training requirements for officers involved in pursuits, including simulation exercises and ongoing education on pursuit tactics and safety measures.

Procedures for conducting post-pursuit evaluations, including reviewing the necessity and appropriateness of the pursuit, as well as any resulting injuries or damages.

If the policy document exists in multiple versions or has been revised, I would appreciate access to the most recent iteration as well as any previous versions for comparison purposes.

Additionally, cross border police pursuit policies and procedures.

I understand that some information may be redacted to protect sensitive operational details or ongoing investigations. However, I request that any redactions be justified according to relevant exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act.

I would prefer to receive the requested information electronically, via email.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response within the timeframe stipulated by the Freedom of Information Act.'

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) does not hold this information. However, this information may be held by West Midlands Police.

In order to be of some assistance, please see the following contact details should you wish to submit your request to West Midlands Police.

Freedom on Information Unit

West Midlands Police
PO Box Box 52, Lloyd House
Colmore Circus Queensway
Birmingham
B4 6NQ
E-mail: foi@westmidlands.police.uk

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) 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. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060
Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

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. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

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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