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Dear Thomas

I am writing in response to the email you submitted 25 May 2020. Your request has been considered pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. Specifically you requested:

1. *Please provide any documents relating to the trial of the Armed Response Teams, including any reports, meeting minutes, policies, procedures, and email correspondence.*
2. *Please also provide the feedback that was provided by the public in response to the trial.*

I have considered your request and my response is outlined below.

To collate and analyse all the correspondence, emails, briefing reports or similar regarding the Armed Response Team (ART), this would require substantial collation and research by a large number of staff.

We are, therefore refusing this request pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982, in that the information you are requesting cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision.

However, to support the principles of increased transparency around the ART Pilot we have identified a number of key documents that we believe support your request for information. The following documentation has been provided:

Minutes

- 1 ARV Working Group Minutes 4 September 2019
- 2 ARV Working Group Minutes 11 September 2019
- 3 ARV Working Group Minutes 18 September 2019
- 4 ARV Working Group Minutes 8 October 2019
- 5 ELB Minutes October 2019

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Potential Positives and Negatives

- Evaluation Proposal
- Evaluation Methodology
- ART Risk and Implications Register 2019

Procedure & Policy

- ART Operating Document Nov 2019

Reporting

- ELB/19/29 Executive Leadership Board ARV Paper – Operating Model Enhancements including Proof of Concept trial for ARV's August 2019
- SLT/19/61 Strategic Leadership Team ARV Paper – Options for Proof of Concept Model
- ART snapshot report week 1
- ART snapshot report week 2
- ART snapshot report week 3 graphs
- ART snapshot report week 3
- ART snapshot report week 4
- ART snapshot report week 5
- Rapid Evidence Scan
- ARV Evaluation Methodology
- EBPC Evaluation Report Armed Response Teams final
- EBPC Evaluation Armed Team final Jan 2020

Data

- Table 1. Number of ART unit deployments by district and date, 28 October – 28 November 2019.
- Table 2. Number of ART unit deployments by incident type and district, 28 October – 28 November 2019.

Marketing and Communications

- ART Coms Plan v0.3
 - ART – Website
 - ART – TENONE Page
 - ART – Social Media posts
 - ART – PR documentation
 - ART – Police Association Letter
 - ART – Minister's Letter
 - ART – Managers Letter
 - ART – Media Advisory
 - ART – Launch Event Info Sheet
 - ART – Talking Points
 - ART – IPCA Letter
 - ART – District Commander Talking Points
 - ART – DC Letters
 - ART – Briefing to Commissioner of Police - Talking Points
 - ART – Community Comms
 - ART – Q+As
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Please note that some information in these documents is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 6(c) as the making available of the information is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial; and/or
- Section 6(d) to endanger the safety of any person; and/or
- Section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons; and/or
- Section 9(2)(b) protect information where the making available of the information—
 - (i) would disclose a trade secret; and/or
 - (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and/or
- Section 9(ba) protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information—
 - (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; and/or
 - (ii) would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest; and/or
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation of officers and employees of any Department or organisation in the course of their duty; and/or
- Section 9(2)(k) prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

In response to your second question regarding feedback provided by the public, this has been refused pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons and to s 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I trust you are satisfied with my response to your request. If not, you have a right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



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