



Publication Scheme (Coronavirus / CoVID-19)

Warwickshire Police has produced the below Publication Scheme in anticipation of a sizeable number of requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The strategy aims to provide a transparent approach to FOI detailing what exists and what can and cannot be released. Producing such a Publication Scheme will assist the force and the public in ensuring timely and transparent responses to all requests in relation to this matter.

The FOI Publication Scheme will enable us to, when appropriate use the powers within FOI legislation found at Section 22.

Section 22 exempts information from disclosure which is intended for future publication. The key to it is that the decision to publish must have been made prior to any request for the information being received.

The identified benefits of engaging this exemption are that dealing with requests for certain data whilst the operation is ongoing can be complex and resource intensive. Random piecemeal disclosures may in fact damage the strategic aims of the operation and affect public confidence. There will also be an appetite from the media to gain exclusive knowledge and data, via FOI, which enables them to undermine the media strategy and even potentially disrupt the operation.

As of March 11, 2020, the force is complying with the National CRU and mandatory referring all FOIs about CoVID-19 but to date we are still awaiting further advice from the CRU in relation this matter.

Category	Types of Information	Publication Strategy
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press/media releases 	Such communications will be released on an ongoing basis if required and via our force website.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other outside agencies 	Requests for such information should be made to the author agency.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Communications 	Such communications may be released if requested and consideration will need to be given to other FOIA exemptions which may apply to the content. There is no plan to publically publish this information at the end of this operation.
Strategy and Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication/Media Strategies • Operational strategies 	Information will not be released while the operation is ongoing. When the operation, including any related activity, is fully complete, consideration will be given to releasing information listed subject to any relevant exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and consulting with relevant third parties as necessary.
Decision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Group Minutes • Minutes of joint strategy meetings • Policing plans 	

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Finance	<p>COSTINGS including but not limited to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of the addition cost to Warwickshire Police i.e. not included in standard time • Any travelling/accommodation costs • Budget and overspend/under spend 	<p>Warwickshire Police recognise the understandable public interest as regards how much in terms of police resources, and by extension, public funds, will be expended in achieving the goals of Operation Readout.</p> <p>Many actual costs will not be known until sometime after the operation is complete and all invoices/claims have been received and accounting has been completed.</p> <p><u>Please note</u> a figure for 'standard time' worked by all Officers/Staff engaged on Operation Readout, will not be held by the force and to produce this would be excessive and impracticable.</p>
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and position within the organisation that worked on Operation Readout • Number of staff within organisation who have been required to self-isolate as a result of exposure, infection or 	<p>Warwickshire Police recognise the understandable public interest as regards how much in terms of police resources will be expended in achieving the goals of Operation Readout</p> <p>Again, this figure cannot be provided until the operation is complete as numbers will change and to produce this would be excessive and impracticable; given the fast moving nature of the operation.</p>

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	<p>caring responsibilities as such</p>	
Operational Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many incidents relating to Operation Readout have been attended by members of the organisation 	<p>Such information, where it has been identified and recorded by the force will be published as part of the debrief report (see below). All disclosure to be made subject to any relevant exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and consulting with relevant third parties as necessary.</p>
Outcome/Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public facing Debrief Report 	<p>Matters relevant to specific policing issues and sensitive strategic matters will not appear within any publicly circulated review document until proceedings are fully complete.</p>
Professional Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of complaints • How many, if any are meet the criteria under the Police Reform Act 2002 and if so provide the outcomes. 	<p>Warwickshire Police are committed to being open and accountable. Experience has shown that police forces are likely to receive complaints during such operations.</p> <p>The information is intended for future publication once any such claims have been investigated.</p>