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Heddlu Police

**DYFED-POWYS**

**FOI Reference: 388/2020**

**Request:**

1. Does screening for gambling disorder take place among detainees in any part of your force?

YES / NO If yes,

- a. Which detainees are being screened?
- b. What are the triggers for a gambling screening?
- c. Who does the screening and where?
- d. What tools are used?
- e. What pathways are in place if gambling problems are identified?

2. Does your service have a partnership with a gambling treatment provider in your area?

YES / NO

If yes, provide details please

3. Is there training on prevention or education provided to your Custody Officers, Police Staff or Health Care Professionals, to identify and address gambling disorders?

YES / NO

If yes, what form does this take?

4. Do you know of any other Police Service who are active in the identification and addressing gambling disorder?

YES / NO

If yes, can you please provide details

5. Any additional comments or observations that can support this program?

**Response 1 – 4:**

I can confirm that there is no information held/recorded by Dyfed-Powys Police in respect of questions 1 – 4 of your request i.e. in relation to gambling disorders.

**Response 5:**

The request does not constitute a valid request under section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act, therefore for the reasons outlined below; the request cannot be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 8 of the Act provides:

*(1) In this Act any reference to a "request for information" is a reference to such a request which-*

*(a) is in writing,*

*(b) states the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence, and*

*(c) describes the information requested.*

*(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), a request is to be treated as made in writing where the text of the request-*

*(a) is transmitted by electronic means,*

*(b) is received in legible form, and*

*(c) is capable of being used for subsequent reference.*

A request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) is required by statute to describe the information requested, in terms of recorded information held by Dyfed-Powys Police, as defined by Section 8(1)(c).

The Freedom of Information Act provides the right of access to recorded information only. It does not require a public authority to answer direct or hypothetical questions or provide comment or opinion, unless recorded information exists which could itself answer such questions.

It is apparent from the request that comment/opinion is being sought in relation to your request; and therefore does not relate to recorded information.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (2000) this response represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request under Section 8(1)(c) of the Act

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**It should be noted that owing to the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such matters the information provided may or may not be accurate.**

(This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed on 13/07/20)