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Heddlu Police

DYFED-POWYS

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Request:

Could the force FOI team provide data on the following questions for 2019-2020.

- (1) From 1st January 2019-2020 to date how many people in total have sat as members on Independent Advisory groups (IAG)
- (2) From 1st January 2019-2020 to date how many people of South Asian ethnicity have sat as members on Independent Advisory groups (IAG)
- (3) Can you breakdown those identified in the answer to Q2 by the numbers of male and female South Asian members of IAGs since 1st January 2019-2020?
- (4) How many IAGs does your force currently have, and can you provide some details of their purpose?
- (5) Do you have any specific IAGs that deal with South Asian issues? Such as IAGs set up in mosques and temples.
- (6) Are all IAG members subject to a DBS check by your force?
- (7) What is the vetting process

Section 2: Further questions

Could the FOI team provide the following information to the questions below.

- 1: Does the force follow any guidelines or procedures when seeking guidance from IAG groups or members around issues specific to Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities. For example community cohesion, honour based violence, forced marriage etc. If so please disclose a copy of all relevant documents for these guidelines and procedures.
- 2: Do IAG members need to sign non -disclosure or confidentiality agreements? If so is this voluntary or compulsory?
- 3: Do IAG members need to declare any conflict of interest on any matters they are consulted on?

Response 1:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- For the period covering January 2019 - 2020 there have been a total of 7 people that have sat as members on Independent Advisory groups (IAG).

Response 2 and 3:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- For the period covering January 2019 - 2020 there have been a total of Zero (0) people of South Asian Ethnicity that have sat as members on Independent Advisory groups (IAG).

Response 4:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- Dyfed Powys police has 1 IAG and for details of their purpose please see answer to question 1 within section 2 further questions.

Response 5:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- No – However; Police Community Engagement Officers have links to mosques and temples and they can bring any issues/queries to the attention of the Equality and Diversity Department who will consult with the IAG if needed. The IAG meet quarterly and prior to an IAG meeting the group circulates the date of the meeting to the whole force and anyone can bring items to the attention of the IAG for discussion/advice/feedback. This could be anything to do with procedure, practices, critical incidents, advice/feedback, equality and diversity issues etc.

Response 6:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- They do not have DBS checks only Non Police Personal Vetting (NPPV).

Response 7:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- Successful applicants complete the NPPV vetting form, which the vetting unit within the Professional Standards department processes. Vetting is held for 3 years and the individual must inform the Equality and Diversity Department if their circumstances change within this period.

Section 2: Further questions

Response 1:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- The Independent Advisory Group (IAG) provides the valuable role of critical friend to the Dyfed Powys Police and the Dyfed Powys Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). It is a forum where independent advisors can give independent advice about specific issues identified by the Police and the OPCC. These issues can include policies, procedures, practices, critical incidents, or equality and diversity issues – in short, anything that has an impact or potential impact on the communities of the policing area. The IAG also bring issues to the attention of the police and OPCC.

Response 2:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- IAG members sign a data protection document which includes confidentiality. Yes this is compulsory.

Response 3:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- Yes, IAG members do need to declare any conflict of interest on any matters they are consulted on.

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 12/01/21)