

You requested the following information papers from the Community Outcomes Meeting on 7 July:

Item 10 – Integrated Community Hubs

Item 12 – Management of Bail

Item 13 – Interim provider of SARC medical services

Item 10 (Integrated Community Hubs) arises from the 'Programme of Change' work in West Yorkshire Police. Information relating to the Programme of Change is subject to a publication strategy. You can view this through this link:

http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/sites/default/files/files/disclosure-logs/poc_board_081113_-_paper_6_1_publication_strategy-.pdf

Information which is covered by a publication strategy is subject to exemption under the FOI Act. This email serves as a refusal notice under the Act.

Exemption 22 states that:

- (1) Information is exempt information if –
 - a. The information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),
 - b. The information was already held with a view to such publication at the time the request for information was made, and
 - c. It is reasonable in all circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph.

This exemption is subject to a public interest test and details of this are provided below.

The information requested comprises an update on the implementation of the new operating model in Leeds and in particular the development of integrated community hubs which provide the opportunity to provide a more coherent police and partnership approach to deliver outcomes in a more effective and efficient manner.

Arguments in favour of disclosure:

- (a) Providing reassurance that decision making is proper and considered and that a full and effective policing service to the public is being maintained.
- (b) Demonstrating how West Yorkshire Police are spending public money and enabling the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable to be held to account for decisions taken in relation to this.
- (c) Increasing the understanding of the challenges faced by West Yorkshire Police and the decisions which are being taken to improve policing in the county.

The public interest against disclosure of this information includes:

- (a) Damaging partnership arrangements by premature disclosure of early plans and agreements in advance of internal consultation by partners.
- (b) Damaging public confidence in the police by disclosure of early plans in advance of full consultation.
- (c) Damaging serving officer and staff confidence by disclosure of early plans in advance of full consultation.

- (d) Adversely affecting the negotiation of reciprocal arrangements with partners and others by premature disclosure of those aspects of the project which are still to be determined and agreed.

In assessing the public interest test account has been taken of the very strong public interest in disclosure of information which can be used to hold the Commissioner and Chief Constable to account for the decisions which are being taken. However, it has been concluded that, due to the early stage of this project and the potential for harm to be caused to effective implementation of partnership working and the potential damage to public confidence resulting from this, the public interest lies in non-disclosure at this point in time.

I am attaching Item 12 – Management of Bail, in full.

I am afraid that the public interest in disclosure of Item 13 - Interim provider of SARC medical services – is still being considered and, therefore, this information is not being released at this point. Specifically, an assessment of harm in disclosure is being made in respect of the legal and procurement obligations on the Police and Crime Commissioner.