

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI752

Questions:

1. Did your organisation provide any money towards the Southmead Project/Wall of Silence? If so, how much and what for?
2. Did your organisation host any meetings or launches for the Southmead Project/Wall of Silence? If so, please provide details including cost
3. Did anyone from your organisation attend meetings/launches/private views of the Wall of Silence? If so, please provide details
4. Did anyone from your organisation meet the inspiration behind the Wall of Silence exhibition, a man known as 'Carl Survivor' whose real name is Carl Beech? Did he speak at any of the events associated with the exhibition

Answer 1:

1a. The Freedom of Information Act allows a right of access to recorded information. For the Purpose of the Act, information that is recorded or documented can be disclosed. Information will not be held for the purposes of the Act where it relates to, for example, understanding, knowledge and opinion and is not recorded.

There is no obligation for the PCC's office to create information to satisfy a request. In this instance we would need to create a "yes" or "no" answer for your questions. As such the information requested is not recorded information.

However, to assist you further, please see the response in section 1bi and 1bii below.

1b.

1bi. Specifically regarding the Southmead Project:

As the information is already published on the PCC's website then there is no obligation for the PCC's office to supply the information you have requested. The exemption applicable to this information is Section 21: Information reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute and class based exemption and as such does not require a harm and public interest test.

However, to assist you further, publication of details of funding that the PCC's office provides to the Southmead Project for its separate therapeutic services is in the weblink here <https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Partnerships/Victim-Services.aspx>

1bii. Specifically regarding the Wall of Silence:

The information requested is not held. Please note that the scope of the Freedom of Information Act is limited to recorded information held at the time of the request. There is no requirement on an organisation to create new information in response to a request. Therefore, this response represents a Refusal Notice.

However, to assist you further, I can confirm that the Office of the PCC has not provided any funding towards the Wall of Silence.

Answer 2:

2a. The Freedom of Information Act allows a right of access to recorded information. For the Purpose of the Act, information that is recorded or documented can be disclosed. Information will not be held for the purposes of the Act where it relates to, for example, understanding, knowledge and opinion and is not recorded.

There is no obligation for the PCC's office to create information to satisfy a request. In this instance we would need to create a "yes" or "no" answer for your questions. As such the information requested is not recorded information.

However, to assist you further, please see the response in section 2b below.

2b. The information requested is not held regarding the PCC's office, as an organisation, being a host. Please note that the scope of the Freedom of Information Act is limited to recorded information held at the time of the request. There is no requirement on an organisation to create new information in response to a request. Therefore, this response represents a Refusal Notice.

To assist you further, I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has not hosted any meetings or launches for the Southmead Project/Wall of Silence.

However there was an exhibition in May 2016 hosted at Avon and Somerset Police Headquarters. This was organised by Avon and Somerset Constabulary, a separate organisation to the PCC and PCC's office. Therefore, any further enquiries relating to this question 2 should be directed to Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

Answer 3:

3a. The Freedom of Information Act allows a right of access to recorded information. For the Purpose of the Act, information that is recorded or documented can be disclosed. Information will not be held for the purposes of the Act where it relates to, for example, understanding, knowledge and opinion and is not recorded.

There is no obligation for the PCC's office to create information to satisfy a request. In this instance we would need to create a "yes" or "no" answer for your questions. As such the information requested is not recorded information.

However, to assist you further, please see the response in section 3b below.

3b. Information held regarding attendance at meetings/launches/private views of the Wall of Silence is as follows:

- The PCC attended the Wall of Silence on the 5 January 2016.
- PCC staff attended the Wall of Silence week commencing 2 May 2016.

- The PCC attended the Wall of Silence on the 9 January 2017.
- A PCC staff member attended the Wall of Silence on 13 January 2017.

Answer 4:

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