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## Information Requests

## Freedom of Information and Data Protection

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In this section you will find details of how to access information that we hold.

The Freedom of Information Act allows individuals to request information held by public authorities, subject to certain exemptions. It also requires authorities to have a Publication Scheme to specify the classes of information the public authority already publishes or intends to publish.

Please follow this link to the section on Data Protection & Right of Access, commonly referred to as [Data Protection & Subject Access](#).

### Important information

People who want to access information about themselves are advised not to make a Freedom of Information Act request but to apply under Data Protection Legislation which provides individuals with a right to ask for a copy of personal data held about themselves unless certain exemptions apply. This is known as 'subject access'.

This page also includes guidance about Deletion of Records from National Police Systems which may be helpful if you believe that you are eligible for the deletion of records held about you.

Please read the following statement before continuing: [Information Concerning Police Investigations](#)

### List of classes

The links below provide access to more detailed definitions of each Information Class.

- [Who We Are and What We Do](#)
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- [How We Make Decisions](#)
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### Obtaining information

The information within these classes can either be found on this website, on an external website or are available on application by post.

Our [How to Obtain Information](#) section has more information about how you can apply for access to information.

In addition to this we proactively publish police information that is frequently requested, and details about this can be found in [Lists & Registers](#).

### Related documents

Some of the documents published will be quite large and in PDF format. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to read PDF files. If you do not already have Adobe Acrobat Reader, visit the [Adobe website](#) where you can download it for free.