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FOI Request: FOI 1/2019

Your request for information regarding the **Enthusiasm Grant** has now been considered in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and, to the best of our knowledge, the information we hold which relates to your request is as follows:

- 1. Can you confirm if the 2nd payment was made by 31st October 2018 as per the agreement.
 - if not, why not?
 - was it, or is it likely to be, paid at a future date?

The payment has not yet been made as there are still conversations taking place between the OPCC and the provider as the OPCC has a number of questions it is seeking clarification on before releasing the payment. It does look likely that the provider will be able to address the questions asked by the OPCC and once this has happened payment will be released.

2. If the 2nd payment was made, can you confirm the basis on which it was made, against each of the deliverables on page 2/3 of the agreement.

See response to Question 1.

3. Can you forward a copy of the 6 monthly report that was due by 21 October 2018?

In line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) this acts as a refusal notice. I am unable to comply with your request as I believe it is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 (Information Intended for Future Publication) under the FOIA.

As this is qualified exemption I have taken into account the public interest test when considering whether or not to disclose the requested information. Specifically, I have considered the following:

Factors for release:

• To aid with transparency on how public funds are spent.

Factors against release:

- As there are still some outstanding discussions taking place between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and the provider the report isn't fully complete. Once these discussions (we envisage this to be by the end of February) have been addressed we will then be in a position to share the completed report.
- Any early release could give a distorted view of the report data which would be unfair to the provider and also misconceive the public as to the details of the report.

Based on the public interest factors above we have determined that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest factors in favour of disclosure and as such we will not be releasing the information requested in Q3, until the outstanding discussions (as per the above) have been completed.

Yours sincerely

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Marie Romano On behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner