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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003099/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 17th August 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Is an Advanced Pursuit Driver a police officer who has attended a Pursuit & TPAC course? If not, what course has an advanced pursuit driver attended?
- 2 If a Police officer has attended an advanced response course and is trained to drive high-powered vehicles, what happens if a high-powered vehicle is not based at the officers station?
- 3 Are advanced response drivers trained to pursue?

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

Q1 An 'advanced trained' Police driver further trained in Tactical Pursuit and Containment (TPAC) in accordance with College of Policing Authorised Professional practice (APP) for the Management of Police Pursuits, is then an accredited 'Tactical phase trained advanced driver'.

Q2 The Freedom of Information Act provides the public with a right to submit requests for the publication of recorded information held by a public authority. The Act does not provide a general forum by which members of the public can submit questions to the Constabulary, or any member of the Constabulary, in order to seek comment or opinion.

In addition, the Constabulary is only obliged to consider the publication of recorded information held at the time of receiving a request for that information, and we are not obliged to create information in order to provide a response to a Freedom of Information request.

This information is not held.

Q3 The term advanced response is not correct terminology. The following should clarify:-

A standard/response driver may be trained and authorised to take part in an 'initial pursuit', but they have no authority to take an active part in tactical resolution (TPAC).

A tactical phase trained 'advanced driver' can use TPAC for the appropriate resolution of a pursuit.

In general terms then:-

A patrol officer trained to response driving level, and with additional pursuit training, could only take part in the initial phases of a pursuit as they have no advanced driver training nor TPAC training.

A Roads Policing / Armed response officer trained to 'advanced level' with additional TPAC training could take part in the full pursuit including conclusion.

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Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.