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Our Ref: FOI2018/03024

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Dear Ms Kleio Cossburn

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03024

I write in connection with your request for information received on 1st June. I note you seek access to the following information:

Q1 Please indicate which Police force you are responding on behalf.

Q2 Do you provide autism training for Police Officers/Staff? If you select yes there are a maximum of six further questions.

- No
- Yes

Q3 Is autism training a stand-a-lone training package?

- No
- Yes

Q4 If training has been provided, which of the following do you provide? Please select one or more answers.

- Training devised in-house by Police Officers/staff
- E- learning
- Training created and delivered by an external provider

Q5 What autism qualification does the trainer hold?

- No formal qualification in autism
- A college certificate in autism
- An undergraduate qualification in autism
- A post graduate qualification in autism

Q6 Is autism training compulsory?

- No
- Yes

Q7 Which of the following roles receive autism training? Please select one or more answers.

- Police Officers
- Student Police Officers
- Police Community Support Officers
- Special Constables
- Custody Staff
- Designated Detention Officers

- o **Civilian Investigation Officers**
- o **Communication Officers**
- o **Scene of Crime Officers/Investigators**
- o **Other Civilian Staff**
- o **Dispatch Officers**

Q8 Have you adopted the Autism alert card scheme?

- o **No**
- o **Yes**

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Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response

Q1 – Hertfordshire Constabulary

Q2 – Yes

Q3 – A one hour classroom input when rostered in to teach student officers. Prior to this, our Technology in Learning Team did a 15 week role out to front line officers on area training days for officers in 2016 to PCSOs, Children and Young Persons too.

Q4 – Our Technology in Learning department attended a Train the Trainer Autism Awareness course with Autism Bedfordshire and also Autism Anglia. Our Technology in Learning Team used their materials to devise a one hour input covering all aspects of Autism characteristics and incorporated policing aspects to for our Officers.

Q5 – No formal qualification in autism.

Q6 – Yes

Q7 – Police Officers
Student Officers
PCSOs
Children and Young Persons

Q8 – No Information Held

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Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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