

Section 60 authorisations

I write pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') to request some information. This request relates to the framework within which your officers make the decision of whether to make an authorisation under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 ('section 60').

1. Please confirm whether your police force has a policy and/or guidance relating to authorisations made under section 60, including factors which ought to be taken into account by authorising officers. If so, please provide copies of any and all such policies and guidance that are currently in use or have been in use in the last 10 years.

To provide any and all such policies and guidance that are currently in use or have been over the last 10 years would exceed the FOI time limit.

Please see the following which is information already in the public domain:

<https://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/s60-12837-19/>

2. Please confirm how your police force complies with its Public Sector Equality Duty ('PSED') under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 in relation to each decision to make a section 60 authorisation. If a standard document or procedure is used to record the way in which the PSED is satisfied in the authorisation process, please provide copies of any and all such documents and procedures.

No information held – we don't have specific documentation for this.

3. Please confirm whether your police force provides training to officers responsible for making section 60 authorisations in respect of that power. If so, please provide details of any and all such training, including training documents and materials provided to officers or used during training sessions. Please also confirm the duration and frequency of such training sessions.

There is no specific training for making section 60 applications.

- **None of our command courses specifically teach S.60. (college of policing programme)**
- **However, licensed command trainers will facilitate learning of legislation that is pertinent to the assessment. Invariably there are questions surrounding stop and search to include s.60. balanced against ECHR. (There are no lesson plans for this delivery)**

Their assessment competency Identifies appropriate legislation and case law relevant to the operation.

It is an expectation/ pre requisite of the College of policing that learners understand this piece of legislation along with a plethora of others prior to the course.

The College of policing identify the following pieces of legislation for specific command learning:

- **ECHR & legislation compatibility**
- **Use of Force**
- **Breach of the peace**
- **S12 & S14 Public order act**

Section 60 is delivered as part of the HEI inputs to DHEP and PCDA students and forms part of the Stop and Search Lesson and it is briefly mentioned in a pre-read.

There are a number of courses on College Learn that relate to stop and search.

These are national programmes available to all forces developed by the College of Policing who own the copyright.