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Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 11779

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Assistant Chief Officer (resources)
Gwent Police

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11 December 2017

Dear *[information redacted]*,

Request for Information – reference 11779

I have received a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act which asks for:

- A copy of the Ministerial advice that supported the response to an item of correspondence about the Welsh Interpreting and Translation Service.

Amongst the information I have located for this request is information which you provided to the Welsh Government. I have enclosed a copy of the relevant sections of the advice at Annex 1.

According to the Code of Practice issued by the Lord Chancellor under Section 45 of the Freedom of Information Act, I must consult anyone whose interests may be affected by disclosure. To that end, I would be grateful for your views on whether this information should be disclosed into the public domain or withheld.

I have to decide whether to disclose all, some or none of the information. I can only withhold information if it is covered by an exemption in the Freedom of Information

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Act (general information). For some exemptions, in order to withhold information, it has to be demonstrated that the harm that disclosure would be likely to cause would outweigh the public interest in disclosure. If you have any concerns regarding the release of this information, I would be grateful if you could set out your concerns and explain the harm you believe would result from its release.

I have twenty working days from the day I received this request to respond to the applicant. If at all possible, I would be grateful to receive your views by **Wednesday 13th December** so that some time remains for me to consider your views.

Any information I decide to disclose will be listed on our Disclosure Log on the Internet and may appear in full if it is of a wider public interest.

I will only use your views to respond to this request. I will keep your response on file for three years from the date on which the request is finally closed and then dispose of it securely.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy of the text relating to Gwent Police which was drafted in 2010:

Officials have been in contact with Chief Inspector Tony Wilcox, Manager, WITS, who has confirmed that WITS has received 40 requests from service providers to provide sign language interpreters. These requests have been fulfilled through using local individual BSL interpreters or through local Deaf Charity organisations that assist to supply these services, (in the same manner that they would have been booked before the introduction of WITS).

In October 2009 Enid Rowlands, Trustee, Royal National Institute for the Deaf wrote to your predecessor seeking assurances that it was the intention of WITS to develop and maintain the standards of service provided for people in Wales, in line with Welsh Assembly Government policy, British Sign Language – Advice for Public Services. Following contact with Chief Inspector Tony Wilcox, Project Manager, a response was issued confirming that this was the case (BG/05536/09).

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