

## REQUEST

Please can you give me a response to the questions below.

Since May 2016:

How many police stations have closed for good and the premises have been sold?

How many police station front counters have closed, and of these how many still have police officers parading from the station?

How many police offices across London have been closed, and of these how many have been sold?

## RESPONSE

Thank you for clarifying your Freedom of Information request to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) on 24 February. I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000; please see responses below.

Since May 2016

Q: How many police stations have closed for good and the premises have been sold? When I say police stations I mean the major station which are listed as such, ie in Merton we have Wimbledon Police Station, that was due for closure but has remained open

A: MOPAC does hold some information relating to this request, however, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, since it is information which is already published, here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/finance-and-audit>

Q: How many police station front counters have closed, and of these how many still have police officers parading from the station? For front counters I mean the ability for a member of the public to walk into a police station and speak to an officer, a service which I understand has been greatly reduced

A: As per the Public Access Strategy published in November 2017

(<https://www.london.gov.uk/mopac-publications/public-access-strategy>), the number of front counters closed since May 2016 is 38. MOPAC does not hold the information as to the number of police stations where front counters were closed which still have police officers parading from them – this is an Metropolitan Police Service operational decision. The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) may be able to assist you. You can send your FOI request directly to them, using this link: <http://www.met.police.uk/foi/>

How many police offices across London have been closed, and of these how many have been sold? For police offices I mean smaller substations such as the one at Morden which has recently closed

A: MOPAC does not hold information relating to this part of your request, however the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) may be able to assist you and you can send your FOI request directly to them, using this link: <http://www.met.police.uk/foi/>

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information requests, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>