

Request

I would like to make the following request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I understand that MOPAC's Evidence and Insight team conducted an interim evaluation of the London Gang Exit programme, which was due to be available in August 2017.

I cannot find it anywhere. Could I please have a copy of that evaluation? Or could you direct me to a publicly available copy?

Could you further provide me with any more recent assessment or evaluation that has been done of the programme, if such a thing exists?

Answer

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 20 August to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) and I apologise for the delay in replying to you.

I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and that MOPAC does hold information relating to your request. However, this information is exempt under Section 22 of the FOIA, since it is information that is intended to be published in the future.

This is a qualified exemption, therefore the public interest test is required.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure

To disclose the requested information would adhere to the basic principle of being open and transparent.

Factors favouring non-disclosure

There is a pre-existing intention for MOPAC to publish the interim evaluations in early 2019 on its website.

The London Gang Exit programme launched in February 2016 and is currently funded until March 2020. Interim evaluations were conducted in December 2016 and October 2017 to assess early findings, a further interim evaluation is planned for the end of 2018, with the final evaluation in Autumn 2019. MOPAC's Evidence & Insight team will publish the interim evaluations to date in early 2019.

Some early performance data relating to London Gang Exit was included in the published DMPC decision PCD 211 in July 2017 which can be found here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/mopac-decisions-438>.

Balance Test

There are factors favouring both disclosure and non-disclosure. The main factor favouring disclosure is openness and accountability; however, the impact of this factor is diminished due to the pre-existing intention of MOPAC to publish this information. As such, it is my decision that the public interest at this time lies in favour of non-disclosure.

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>