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Dear Sir

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 request of 5 October 2017. Your request and Police's response is below.

- Q1: The name of the further tests used to diagnose colour perception if the applicant fails the Ishihara Test; and**  
**Q2. The percentage of applicants that have initially failed the Ishihara Test over the last 3 years and then go on to pass further tests; and**  
**Q3. The percentage of applicants that have initially failed the Ishihara Test over the last 3 years and then go on to fail further tests.**

Police response:

In response to question 1, as per our visual standard, if the baseline colour test - Ishihara is a fail, this doesn't mean an absolute decline, rather more assessment is required to see if applicants meet our standard using different types of colour vision checks. This is done by a diagnostic colour perception test such as the 100 Hue, D15 or a Farnsworth Lantern, and/or confirmed with either the Medmont C100 or Oscar Colour Vision Tester.

These are all the technical names for the different ways to confirm colour blindness, what colours are likely to be confused and the severity of the defect. If any of these tests are a pass then the applicant will meet our standard.

In response to questions 2 and 3, your request is declined in accordance with section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 in that the information is not held by Police.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Marty Fox  
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