**Readme file for "Freedom of information (FOI) as a data collection tool for social scientists"**

This data archive contains the data and code to reproduce the tables in "Freedom of information (FOI) as a data collection tool for social scientists". The folder contains the following files.

FOI\_analysis: This is a stata do file that takes the police force (PF\_Final.dta) and university data (Unis\_FinalData.dta) and produces Tables 2, 4 in the main text and tables B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6 & B7 in the supplementary appendix.

FOI\_vars: This is a stata do file that makes some additional variables from the main final data files.

PF\_Final.dta: This is a stata (version 15) data file that contains the variables used in the analysis of freedom of requests to police forces.

Unis\_FinalData.dta: This is a stata (version 15) data file that contains the variables used in the analysis of freedom of requests to universities.

To run: Put PF\_Final.dta, and FOI\_vars.do into a folder and set the directory there, then run the FOI\_analysis do file.