



15th February 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000326/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 22nd January 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Can you confirm the current status of your internal digital forensics laboratory's accreditation to the ISO 17025:2005 standard?
- 2 Can you confirm the current status of your internal digital forensics laboratory's accreditation to the Forensic Science Regulator's Codes of Practice and Conduct?
- 3 If you have yet to receive accreditation to the FSR Codes of Practice and Conduct what date have you applied for accreditation, or what date do you plan to apply for accreditation?
- 4 Has your organisation used external commercial providers (either directly or through a third party) for digital forensics work covered by the scope of the FSR Codes of Practice and Conduct in the past 12 months?
- 5 If yes to question 4. could you provide the names of those external providers?
- 6 If yes to question 4., are those external laboratories accredited to the ISO 17025:2005 standard and what is the scope they hold?
- 7 Is your organisation planning to tender for the provision of digital forensic services within the next 12 months?
- 8 If yes to question 7, will you consider bids from external laboratories that are not accredited to the ISO 17025:2005 standard with a scope that includes digital forensics work?
- 9 Following on from the dropping of two cases by the Metropolitan Police as a result of late disclosure, has your organisation taken specific measures to address disclosure of digital forensic evidence? If so, can you provide details of these measures?

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 30th January 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

- Q1 The Constabularies have received accreditation for Hard Drive acquisition and are working towards accreditation for mobile device examination.
- Q2 No accreditation for this.
- Q3 No accreditation at this time but are hoping to apply in summer this year.
- Q4 The Constabularies have not used any external providers.
- Q5/6 Not applicable.
- Q7 There are no plans to tender for the provision of digital forensic services in the next 12 months.
- Q8 Not applicable.
- Q9 The Constabularies follow all relevant legislation in relation to disclosure. Investigations are conducted in a proportionate manner, which includes digital forensic evidence. We are currently considering the recent advice from the DPP and whether we need to make any changes to current practise.

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Information Management Department
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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