

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004033-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 5th November, 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- “1. Details of the potential 7Force opportunities that are being explored*
- 2. A copy of the "initial assessment" that has been completed in relation to the Transforming Forensics prospectus.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 17th November, 2019

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

1. The 7 Force Strategic Collaboration Programme has a forensics workstream, which is currently actively exploring the procurement of a replacement forensics Case Management System.
2. The Transforming Forensics programme is a National Programme that has released a business case in 2017 and a prospectus in 2018 to create a Forensics Capability Network (FCN). Both of these documents have been reviewed through the governance structures that exist in the 7 Forces for regional work; including – the 7Force PCC Summit, the 7Force Chief Constables Meeting and the 7Force Forensics Programme Board. These decision-making groups have allowed for a facilitated discussion on the content of both the Business Case and Prospectus and both have been evaluated.

The decision made by the 7 forces was not to subscribe to the FCN at this time, but to remain open to the potential for future membership, and continue to engage with the Transforming Forensics Programme.

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

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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 Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 working 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
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances 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 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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF
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