

Freedom of Information response 1474/18

#Freedom of Information Requests <FOIREQUESTS@avonandsomerset.police.uk>

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Our Reference 1474/18
Date 12 December 2018

Dear Griff Ferris

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th November under the Freedom of Information Act, this request follows your previous FOI 1325/18 refers.

Specifically you asked:

Four of the submitted questions (1, 2, 3 and 4) were straightforward yes / no questions in relation to your force's current operations, and therefore answering them would clearly not have exceeded the time and cost limit. Please can you provide me with answers to the four basic yes / no questions.

In addition, the following questions are also very straightforward and you should be able to provide answers without going over the cost and time limit:

1. *Is your force currently collecting digital information from devices belonging to complainants of sexual offences? For reference, “collecting digital information” in this context should be taken to mean and include any form of examination, access, extraction, copying or download of such digital information from digital devices, whether by self-service kiosks (SSKs), other device extraction software, or by external digital forensic examiners.*
2. *Does your force currently have any digital devices awaiting examination? If yes, please provide details of:*
 - i. The number of devices currently awaiting examination.*

ii. the average wait time for a digital device to be examined.

3. *Does your force seek consent from complainants of sexual offences for the collection and/or disclosure of their personal information from their digital device or a third party organisation such as medical records, counselling records, local authority records or educational records?*
4. *Has your force disclosed any digital information collected from digital devices belonging to complainants of sexual offences to the Crown Prosecution Service or the defendants' legal representatives?*

Our response:

1. Yes where the complaint/offence involves a digital element.
2. Yes

2i. 383 – this is the number of devices currently awaiting examination for all offences, not those just relating to sexual offences.

2ii. An average wait time is not held. All cases are completed within their Service Level Agreement as below:

High risk = 1 month

Medium risk = 2 months

Low risk = 3 months

3. Yes

4. Yes

Yours sincerely

Michelle Radcliffe
Freedom of Information Officer
Corporate Communications Department

Please note:

1. Requests and responses may be published on Avon and Somerset Constabulary's website (within 24 hours), some of which may contain a link to additional information, which may provide you with further clarification.
2. Whilst we may verbally discuss your request with you in order to seek clarification, all other communication should be made in writing.
3. Avon and Somerset Constabulary provides you with the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure (copy attached).