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Our Ref: FOI2018/07197

By email only to: [REDACTED]

Dear Silkie Carlo

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/07197**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 16th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

**I write to request information and records under the FOIA, regarding your force's use of consent statements when requesting, accessing, analysing and disclosing personal information from complainant's of sexual offences. Specifically, I am asking the following:**

- 1. Does your force collect digital information from devices belonging to complainants of sexual offences? If yes, please provide:**
- 2 The legal basis under which you are doing this**
- 3 Copies of any policy or guidance in relation to this practice**
- 4 Does your force seek consent from complainants of sexual offences when requesting, accessing, analysing, or disclosing digital or personal information either from them or records from a third party organisation relating to them? For the avoidance of doubt, records from third party organisations includes but is not limited to medical records, counselling records, local authority records, educational records or rape crisis centre records. If yes, please provide:**
- 5 A copy of the consent form/s or statement/s you use and require them to sign to show their consent**
- 6 A copy of any information provided to complainants about this process**
- 7 A copy of your policy or guidance in relation to this practice**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Please see attached documents which Cambridgeshire Constabulary hold relevant to your request.

1. Yes
- 2 Under Criminal Procedures and Investigation Act 1996 the police are required to follow all reasonable lines of enquiry. If those reasonable lines of enquiry mean the complainant's personal information needs to be examined it is examined.
- 3 See attached document
- 4 Consent is requested for medical information and a force medical consent for is used.
- 5 See attached documents – Annex B FOI2018 07190 & Annex C FOI2018 07190
- 6 No records held.
- 7 No records held

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Cambridgeshire Constabulary provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Cambridgeshire Constabulary if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.