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Subject: RE: Request for Information - Freedom of Information Act 2000. No. <10829>

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To: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Carlo,

## **YOUR REQUEST:**

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:**

- 1. The legal basis under which you are doing this**
- 2. Copies of any policy or guidance in relation to this practice**

**1. 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:**

- 1. A copy of the consent form/s or statement/s you use and require them to sign to show their consent**
- 2. A copy of any information provided to complainants about this process**
- 3. A copy of your policy or guidance in relation to this practice**

Please send the requested information by email to [silkiecarlo@gmail.com](mailto:silkiecarlo@gmail.com) and do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this matter. As under section 16 FOIA please contact me should the request go over the cost limit or is in any way unanswerable.

If further information is required to process this request, then please kindly contact me by return for clarification, and provide any information that you can obtain in the meantime.

## **OUR RESPONSE:**

In accordance with section 1(1) (b) of the Act, our response to your request is as follows;

**1. Does your force collect digital information from devices belonging to complainants of sexual offences? If yes, please provide:**

**Yes**

**1. The legal basis under which you are doing this**

**Consent**

**2. Copies of any policy or guidance in relation to this practice**

**No information held.**

**2. 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:**

**Yes**

**1. A copy of the consent form/s or statement/s you use and require them to sign to show their consent**

**No information held.**

**2. A copy of any information provided to complainants about this process**

**No information held.**

**3. A copy of your policy or guidance in relation to this practice**

**No information held.**

If you are not satisfied with the decision applied in this case I enclose for your attention a copy of the Constabulary's appeal procedures.

Regards,

**Stuart Basford – Information Officer**

**Cheshire Constabulary and Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service Joint Corporate Services**

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