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Dear Mr. Ferris,

Freedom of Information Request 19/02/241

I write in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 11 February 2019, based on a request originally submitted in October 2018. Please note it is only possible to report within the 18 working hour cost limit based on the Digital Forensic Unit. This response is accurate as of the data of the original submission.

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. If yes, please provide details of:

- i. the number of complainants who have had information from their digital device(s) collected by your force in the last 12 months.*
- ii. the number of digital devices that your force has collected information from in the last 12 months.*

In the twelve months up to October 2018, Kent Police has collected information from 33 individuals.

In the twelve months up to October 2018, Kent Police has collected information from 3,086 devices.

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.*

As at October 2018, 542 devices were awaiting examination. The average turnaround for Service Level Agreements (SLA) are as follows:

7 day SLA	4 day turnaround
28 day SLA	66 day turnaround
75 day SLA	144 day turnaround

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? If yes, please provide details of:

ii. the number of complainants who have given their consent, for digital device data only via consent or 'Stafford' statements, in the last 12 months.

In the twelve months up to October 2018, 21 individuals have provided consent for this.

1. Does your force currently use any form of artificial intelligence, machine learning, or other automated system to analyse the digital information collected from complainants of sexual offences' digital devices? For reference, "collected" 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. If yes, please provide details of:

i. the system or technology that your force is currently using.

ii. for what purpose the system or technology is being used.

Kent Police holds no information relevant to these questions.

2. Is your force currently trialling any form of artificial intelligence, machine learning, or other automated system to analyse the digital information collected from complainants' digital devices or have plans to trial or use this technology in the next 2 years? If yes, please provide details of:

i. the system or technology that your force is planning on using or trialling.

ii. for what purpose the system or technology will be used.

Kent Police holds no information relevant to these questions.

I apologise that this reaches you outside of the twenty working day limit, but thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the Freedom of Information Act generally, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Muggridge

Public Disclosure Officer

Your right to appeal

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have 40 working days from the date the response is issued to request that Kent Police carry out an internal review.

If your request for a review concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

Kent Police will acknowledge receipt of any request for a review and aim to respond as soon as practicable, in most cases within 20 working days of receipt. If the review will not be completed in this timescale, you will be informed.

You may lodge your request for a review in writing:

Our email address is: freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk

Our postal address is:

Freedom of Information
Coldharbour,
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If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner who would normally expect you to have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by Kent Police.

For information on how to appeal to the Information Commissioner please visit the website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

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