



**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**
for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland
Your Communities - Your Commissioner

Our ref: 345/21
Your ref: PB/01345/21
Date: 22 February 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 30/12/2021.
I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the following information:

I would like to request the following information:

- 1. Please confirm whether your police force has considered entering into a collaboration agreement pursuant to section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended by the PRSRA) to establish a Forensic Capability Network (FCN).*
- 2. Please confirm whether, as a result of such consideration, that such an agreement has been signed and if not please supply the reasons for not entering such an agreement.*
- 3. If, such an agreement has been entered, please supply the date on which the agreement came into legal force.*
- 4. Please confirm whether your police force has agreed that the Forensic Capability Network will prepare the next round of contracts for physical forensic services as part of their "next generation procurement" as detailed here on the FCN website <https://www.fcn.police.uk/news/2021-11/seven-year-plan-next-generation-procurement-physical-forensics-goes-market>, in other words, is your police force using this process or something else to procure such services?*
- 5. If your police force is using something other than the Forensic Capability Network's process described in (4), please provide information as to what that process is.*

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester and Leicestershire to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

- 1. Please confirm whether your police force has considered entering into a collaboration agreement pursuant to section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended by the PRSRA) to establish a Forensic Capability Network (FCN).*

Please see question 2



2. Please confirm whether, as a result of such consideration, that such an agreement has been signed and if not please supply the reasons for not entering such an agreement.

Yes, a collaboration agreement had been signed.

3. If, such an agreement has been entered, please supply the date on which the agreement came into legal force.

The date the agreement came into force is 01 April 2021.

4. Please confirm whether your police force has agreed that the Forensic Capability Network will prepare the next round of contracts for physical forensic services as part of their "next generation procurement" as detailed here on the FCN website <https://www.fcn.police.uk/news/2021-11/seven-year-plan-next-generation-procurement-physical-forensics-goes-market>, in other words, is your police force using this process or something else to procure such services?

Leicestershire Police is using FCN as described.

5. If your police force is using something other than the Forensic Capability Network's process described in (4), please provide information as to what that process is.

Details of other suppliers used by Leicestershire Police can be found on the Bluelight Procurement Database using the following link; <https://bluelight.eu-supply.com/>

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Data Protection Officer, at the address below. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the OPCC's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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Yours sincerely,

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner