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FOI Request: 23/2026

I write in connection with your request for information received in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire on the 5th October 2026. You asked the following questions:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information about East Midlands Police Legal Services, which is hosted by Derbyshire Constabulary, for the period 1 January 2020 to the date of this request.

1. ***A copy of the current collaboration agreement for East Midlands Police Legal Services to which the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire is a party, and any amendments made since 1 January 2020.***
2. ***The role of your office in overseeing East Midlands Police Legal Services, including any governance, oversight or performance reports received or considered by your office.***
3. ***Any policy or protocol on managing conflicts of interest where East Midlands Police Legal Services acts for a force or Commissioner in civil proceedings brought by a person whose***

complaint is being investigated by that force's Professional Standards Department.

4. *The process for complaints about East Midlands Police Legal Services, and which body is responsible for handling them.*
5. *The amount contributed by your office to East Midlands Police Legal Services in each financial year."*

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire holds some of the information that you have asked for.

1. **"A copy of the current collaboration agreement for East Midlands Police Legal Services to which the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire is a party, and any amendments made since 1 January 2020.**

This information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it via the following links:

Collaboration Agreement Summary - East Mids Police Legal Services

In terms of whether any amendments have been made to the document since 1 January 2020, I can confirm that no amendments have been made.

2. **The role of your office in overseeing East Midlands Police Legal Services, including any governance, oversight or performance reports received or considered by your office.**

The Commissioner and her office have oversight of EMPLS via the established governance processes outlined in the collaboration agreement provided above in Q1. This is discharged by the Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer's attendance at the Regional Board described within the collaboration agreement. At that Board, regular reports are provided and scrutinised by collaboration units, of which EMPLS is one.

4. **The process for complaints about East Midlands Police Legal Services, and which body is responsible for handling them.**

The Constabulary's PSD is responsible for handling complaints against East Midlands Police Legal Services unless, the complaint wording alone hits the threshold for the police to refer it to the IOPC. In such cases, then the IOPC would be the relevant organisation.

5. **The amount contributed by your office to East Midlands Police Legal Services in each financial year.**

This information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you. The

total amount contributed by our office to the East Midlands Police Legal Service from 2020 to the current year, can be found in the Budget and Precept Proposals document via the following link:

Budget and Precept Information | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

This is to inform you that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire does not hold the information you have requested based on the information you have provided.

3. **Any policy or protocol on managing conflicts of interest where East Midlands Police Legal Services acts for a force or Commissioner in civil proceedings brought by a person whose complaint is being investigated by that force's Professional Standards Department.**

No information held.

Derbyshire Constabulary may hold this information and I give below a link to the Force's website where you can make a FOI request to them direct: I want to find information about the police | Derbyshire Constabulary.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, you are entitled to ask for an internal review

of our decision. Any internal review needs to be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response and state why you are unhappy with the response. You can submit an internal review in the following ways:

- **Emailing the OPCC Inbox – PCCOffice@Derbyshire.PNN.Police.UK or.**

- **Writing to the OPCC at –**
  The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire
  Butterley Hall
  Ripley
  Derbyshire
  DE5 3RS

- **By phone – 0300 122 6000 (as a reasonable adjustment under the Equality Act 2010).**

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review under Section 50 of the FOIA you can apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by the OPCC. You can contact the ICO in the following ways:

- **Online at the ICO – https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/ or;**

- **Writing to the ICO at –**

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Yours sincerely



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On behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner