

**By email only:**

Dear

**FOI Request: FOI/48/2021**

I write in connection with your request for information received in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire on 26 October 2021. You asked the following questions:

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.

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.

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, under Section 17 of the FOIA of the FOIA 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](mailto: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 –  
Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Marie Romano', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marie Romano  
On behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner

