

FOI Response Information provided under the Freedom of Information Act

Title of Request: Freedom of Information Request

FOI Reference: FOI/OPCC/21-041

Date of Request: 30/12/2021

Date of Response: 08/02/2022

Information Requested:

- 1. Question:** 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).

OPCC Response: Cambridgeshire Constabulary have not entered into a Section 22 Agreement to establish a Forensic Capability Network (FCN).

- 2. Question:** 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.

OPCC Response: The OPCC does not hold this information.

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

OPCC Response: The OPCC does not hold this information.

- 4. Question:** 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?

OPCC Response: The OPCC does not hold this information.

- 5. Question:** 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.

OPCC Response: The OPCC does not hold this information.

However, you may wish to contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary (the “Constabulary”), which is a separate organisation to the OPCC and is treated as such under the Act. You can contact the Constabulary by email at foi@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

Alternatively, for further information, please see the below link to the Constabulary’s Freedom of Information page:

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/About-us/Freedom-of-information/Make-an-FOI-request>