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FOI Response

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Freedom of Information Request

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Date of Response:

30/03/2022

Information Requested:

I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), the following from your Constabulary, Commissioner, or Panel:

1. **Question:**

A copy of the Constabulary's policy or procedure for the verification of the legitimate possession and use of prescribed medical cannabis/cannabis-based prescription medicine (CBPM).

OPCC Response:

The OPCC does not hold this information.

2. **Question:**

If the Constabulary does not have a local policy regarding this, could you please confirm that the Home Office guidance is adhered to by the Constabulary - namely that someone claiming the legitimate possession and use of medical cannabis will be expected to produce: the original medication container complete with the pharmacy dispensing label bearing the name of the patient; with either a copy of their FP10 prescription or a letter from the prescribing clinician; and a form of recognised photo ID (such as a passport, driving licence, or a PASS accredited photocard) bearing the same name as

displayed on the dispensing label and the copy of the FP10 or clinician's letter.

OPCC Response:

The OPCC does not hold this information.

3. **Question:**

If your Constabulary does not have a policy relating to this, could you please provide the Constabulary's policy regarding compliance with the PSED (Public Sector Equality Duty), especially with regards to the avoidance of discrimination against disabled people for the legitimate possession and use of a prescribed medication.

OPCC Response:

The OPCC does not hold this information.

4. **Question:**

A copy of any internal briefing documents provided to police officers regarding the existence of - and the process for the verification of - prescribed medical cannabis flower or other CBPM's following the Home Office Circular 2018: 'Rescheduling of cannabis-based products for medicinal use in humans' and The Misuse of Drugs (Amendments) (Cannabis and Licence Fees) (England, Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2018 which allowed the prescribing of medical cannabis (CBPM).

OPCC Response:

The OPCC does not hold this information.

5. **Question:**

The named lead for the Constabulary for matters pertaining to the verification of medical cannabis (CBPM).

OPCC Response:

The OPCC does not hold this information.

6. **Question:**

The Constabulary's policy or position relating to the recognition of unaccredited card schemes such as Cancard or MedCannID, if such a policy exists.

OPCC Response:

The OPCC does not hold this information.

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

Alternatively, please see the below link to Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Freedom of Information pages on their website:

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