



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: F-2013-01955

REQUEST DETAILS:

"ACPO have indicated that there is a service level agreement (SLA) with the RSPCA for access to the Police National Computer (PNC). I wish to know how this SLA operates in the Suffolk area.

Please disclose the formal agreements and correspondence you have with the RSPCA on what data they may request and how they must act to safeguard this data.

Please disclose the process by which the RSPCA accesses data: how they request it, what vetting or assessment of the request is made, for how long they retain the data disclosed to them, what auditing you undertake into the RSPCA's use of the data.

Please disclose what kind of data is disclosed to the RSPCA (e.g. personal data such as address, previous convictions, soft intelligence). Please disclose the log entries for a small number of recent accesses to the PNC by the RSPCA (with appropriate obfuscation to avoid disclosing personal data and to avoid prejudice to any on-going investigation or prosecution) that shows what kind of data was disclosed."

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 4 July 2013.

Suffolk Constabulary does not currently have any formal Information Sharing Agreements with the RSPCA however; a national protocol is currently being worked on by ACPO, which Suffolk will follow once it has been endorsed.

The guidance issue to Suffolk Constabulary Officers presently is as follows and refers to vehicle owners / keeper details being shared in circumstances where recourse to DVLA would hinder their operation. Please note however that there have only been 4 such occasions since 2008.

'In the absence of any guidance, a pragmatic view can be taken dependent on the circumstances. However it should be remembered that Suffolk Constabulary PNC access must only be used for police purposes. The code word/staff lists requirements will continue.'