



## ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS

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Dear Ms Fox

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 000155/14**

Thank you for your request for information regarding ACPO which has now been considered.

**Applicant Question:**

1. Please can you tell me what will happen to all the information and documents held by ACPO?
2. Where will they go?
3. Will there be an inventory or catalogue of information to be transferred?
4. What systems are in place to ensure no loss of documentation?
5. What are the terms of reference, the type of legal entity and the legal framework for the new body?

**ACPO Response:**

A public authority is entitled to treat a request for information as invalid where specific recorded information is not specified. Section 8(1) of the Act sets out the requirements of a valid request for information and says that a request must, amongst other things 'describe the information'.

The Freedom of Information Act affords anyone in the world the right to request information held by a public authority. It does not cover thoughts and / or opinion.

Your current request is too wide ranging and does not identify the precise nature of the information that you are seeking.

Although Freedom of Information was designed to assist the public in obtaining recorded information from public authorities, the legislation does not allow applicants to submit open ended requests.

In order for me to accept your request, I first need to ascertain what specific recorded information it is you are seeking. I would ordinarily invite you to resubmit your original request, clarifying the specific document you seek which would contain the information that you have requested.

To assist you, I have however liaised with my colleagues who are able to provide information which relates to your subject matter in order to provide you with as much information as I can outside of the Act.

1. All information held by APCO will eventually, after weeding, be held by the Open University within the current repository that they have for ACPO.
2. The Open University
3. There will be an inventory held at the Open University.
4. ACPO Manages information by reviewing on a regular basis. With the transition of ACPO to the new body, it is likely that some information will transit to the new body, and some information will be put with the Open University. Our systems are managed in accordance with the Code of Connectivity to ensure both access and security. These have been approved by the National Police Accreditor.
5. This is ongoing work which involves consultation with key stakeholders, Chief Constables' and Legal representation. Terms of reference, legal entity and the legal framework are all currently under consideration and therefore no concluded information is held.

Yours sincerely

Sherry Traquair  
**Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker**

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## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

### **Internal Review**

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have been provided with, in compliance with the Freedom of Information legislation, you can lodge a complaint with ACPO to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. The handling of your request will be looked at by someone independent of the original decision, and a fresh response provided.

It would be helpful, if requesting a review, for you to articulate in detail the reasons you are not satisfied with this reply.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email to ACPO Freedom of Information, c/o PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 9FS.

If, after lodging a complaint with ACPO, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.