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Dear Mr Durand

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 000144/16

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

Applicant Question:

1. **A list** of all the possible markers/sub-categories that can be listed on PNC.
2. If an official handbook/guideline (or an excerpt from such a document) regarding this matter is available, please kindly provide it to me, regardless of the organisation that issued the document.

NPCC Response:

The NPCC does not hold a list of all possible markers / sub-categories that can be listed on the Police National Computer. The NPCC does have access to the PNC, but in order to extract the information and provide you with the possible markers and categories that can be listed would be outside of our lawful obligations under the FOI Act.

The NPCC is not obliged to create information in order to answer a request.

In wishing to assist you, I provide a direct web-link below, outside of the Act which provides information relating to PNC on the College of Policing website, titled PNC – Police National Computer:

<http://www.college.police.uk/What-we-do/Learning/Curriculum/ICT/PNC%20-%20Police%20national%20computer/Pages/PNC-Police-National-Computer.aspx>

I wish to also provide you with a courtesy notice of our options to engage exclusions to the Act if it is considered appropriate:

Section 14 (1) & Section 14 (2)

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.



(2) Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of a new request.

Campaigns

If a public authority has reason to believe that several different requesters are acting in concert as part of a campaign to disrupt the organisation by virtue of the sheer weight of FOIA requests being submitted, then it may take this into account when determining whether any of these requests are vexatious.

The authority may also combine the total cost for all requests received from one person (or several people acting in concert) during a period of 60 days.

Requests which would impose a grossly oppressive burden but are not covered by the Section 12 cost limits

An authority cannot claim section 12 for the cost and effort associated when considering exemptions or redacting exempt information. Nonetheless, it may apply section 14(1) where it can make a case that the amount of time required to review and prepare the information for disclosure would impose a grossly oppressive burden to the organisation.

Yours sincerely

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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 NPCC to have the decision reviewed within 20 working days 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 NPCC Freedom of Information, c/o PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 9FS.

If, after lodging a complaint with NPCC, 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.