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Dear Ms Woolfenden,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request, which was received on 30 October, for the following information:

"The UK Governments Serious and Organised Crime Strategy 2018 states that HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is involved in the UK Government's efforts to tackle serious and organised crime internationally (see figure 5 on page 74). Can you please confirm if HMRC has any projects/work that tackle drugs overseas, or that tackle the drivers, enablers and consequences associated with the drugs trade overseas? Could you also please confirm if any of these projects/work are funded in part, or in whole, using UK ODA? Requesting for 2018-2020."

We do not hold the information requested. Our responsibility is for tackling fiscal fraud, with the National Crime Agency (NCA) leading and coordinating UK law enforcement's response to serious and organised crime, including drug trafficking. Overseas, the NCA's international network will work to prevent drugs leaving source and transit countries, while Border Force will stop the drugs entering the UK.

Our Fiscal Crime Liaison Officers (FCLOs) role is to disrupt and dismantle organised fiscal criminal attacks on the UK, through engagement with host law enforcement agencies, tax administrations, customs authorities, prosecuting authorities, security services and other domestic and international partners. The FCLO Network is part of the UK's Overseas Liaison Officer program and works closely with other UK law enforcement agencies such as the NCA, Border Force, Immigration Enforcement International and SOCNet (Serious and Organised Crime Overseas Network).

Unfortunately, the Freedom of Information Act does not apply to the National Crime Agency, to ensure protection of their officers, partners, victims and witnesses. In order to obtain more information relating to drug trafficking and the UK governments efforts to tackle serious and organised crime internally within the UK via Border Force, we would suggest you send a request for information to the Home Office by emailing: foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk

If you are not satisfied with this reply you may request a review within two months by emailing foi.review@hmrc.gov.uk, or by writing to the address at the top right-hand side of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review you can [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).

Yours sincerely,

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