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

Applicant Question:

1] As it is commonly known that UK police are or not employed by G4S security, what guidelines are given to the recruitment of migrant workers ?

2] How can UK police constabularies check migrant workers from blitzed countries for criminal records as Disclosure and Barring Service (CRB) in conjunction with yourselves cannot check migrant workers for criminal records? Robin walker MP has confirmed that migrant workers from blitzed cannot be checked for criminal records as well".

3] In a recent policy document by the College of Policing how does the recruitment policy not contravene Human Rights violations? New Vetting Code of Practice - College of Policing

www.college.police.uk/News/.../New_vetting_code_press_release_October_2017.aspx

12 Oct 2017 - Police vetting is used by forces in England and Wales to ensure the service is not exposed to potential risks and that only suitable people are employed as officers and staff. Today a new Vetting Code of Practice was laid in Parliament meaning chief constables must have regard to it. It will bring greater.

4] As politicians have not been vetted for their positions as honest upstanding men/women to vote in more legislation, how can members of the public have confidence in the new regime being implemented via parliament for police vetting?

5] How can the public have confidence in the new recruitment policy if the police constabulary hierarchy are ignoring complaints from colleagues regarding criminal activity from police constables and other staff personal?

6] Who will be responsible (a name is required) if this new vetting policy breaks Human Rights violations and constitutional law?

7] Although the Code of Practice applies to the offices of police and crime commissioners, commissioners and their statutory deputies do not, by law, have to be vetted.



'An individual will be disqualified from being elected as a PCC if they have been convicted in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man, of any imprisonable offence – whether or not actually sentenced to a term of imprisonment in respect of the offence.' So will you elaborate on this National Police Chiefs Council, as to who knows what's going on ?

In response to the questions put to you National Police Chiefs Council, I require due diligence and a name of the man/woman replying to this FOI request.

NPCC Response:

Following the dissolution of the Association of Police Chief Officers (ACPO), designation under the Freedom of Information Act did not automatically transfer across to the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC). The NPCC, as the new coordinating body, should clearly be open to the same level of scrutiny and transparency as its predecessor and it is anticipated that an Order to bring the NPCC under the auspices of FOIA will be forthcoming. This is currently the responsibility of the Cabinet Office and the NPCC is supporting the Cabinet Office in bringing forward the Order.

In the meantime, the NPCC will comply with the spirit of the Freedom of Information Act and will respond to all requests received as if it were still subject to FOIA. Applicants should note, however, that until the formal designation is in place and the legislation is amended to include the NPCC, the Internal Review process will remain in place but there is no legal basis to pursue complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office.

The NPCC would have responded in the following way:

1. The NPCC does not hold information captured by your request. The NPCC does not have any guidelines for the recruitment of migrant works.
2. This part of your request isn't valid as you have not requested specific recorded information. Additionally, the word 'blitzed' is not recognised.
3. This part of your request isn't valid as you have not requested specific recorded information.
4. The NPCC does not hold information captured by your request. The Freedom of Information Act does not cover thoughts and/or opinion.
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7. This part of your request isn't valid as you have not requested specific recorded information.

A consideration for you may be to make a request for recorded information from the College of Policing. On this occasion I am unable to assist you.

Yours sincerely

Sherry Traquair
Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

www.npcc.police.uk

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.