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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 365/2023

Thank you for your request for information regarding a vehicle crime taskforce, which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

About the Taskforce (links below), I ask to be provided the date of the meetings and the notes arising from these:

MPS advice 01/12/2023:

The attendees from the Policing Side are the NPCC (I expect this is the NPCC Vehicle Crime Lead) and West Midlands Police. Should you wish to enquire further, please contact NPCC / West Midlands Police.

<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/pcc-joins-vehicle-crime-taskforce/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/policing-minister-chairs-new-taskforce-to-tackle-vehicle-theft>

NPCC Response:

The NPCC does not hold recorded information captured by your request.

The NPCC has a legal obligation to try and advise and assist you further with your request; for more information on the legislation please see Annex A.

In wishing to explain further, outside of the Freedom of Information Act and as a gesture of goodwill, my colleagues from the Vehicle crime Working Group provided the following information:

'According to the article, this met in January 2019, led by Nick Hurd MP (Minister for Policing and the Fire Service), with the intention to meet every 6 months. Six months later, Kit Malthouse MP took over as Minister for Crime, Policing and the Fire Service (later as Minister for Crime and Policing). There have been further ministerial changes since then, with Tom Pursglove MP covering the role for a very brief period before handing over to Chris Philp MP.

I have confirmed with ACC Sims (Current NPCC Vehicle Crime Lead) that they have no knowledge of the group and can find no records of the taskforce from their predecessor either.

For information, similar work is led by ACC Sims through the National Vehicle Crime Working Group. These meetings are not minuted.'



You may wish to direct your request to the Home Office as this Taskforce was being led by the then Minister for Policing and Fire Service, for any records they may hold relating to the taskforce. Details on how to submit an FOI to the Home Office can be found on the webpage below:

[Home Office - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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NPCC 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 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.

Annex A

Legislation – Section 16

- (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.