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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00325

I write in connection with your request for information received on 20th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek the following information relating to forensic work:

- 1. Can you confirm the current status of your internal digital forensics laboratory's accreditation to the ISO 17025:2005 standard?**
- 2. Can you confirm the current status of your internal digital forensics laboratory's accreditation to the Forensic Science Regulator's Codes of Practice and Conduct?**
- 3. If you have yet to receive accreditation to the FSR Codes of Practice and Conduct what date have you applied for accreditation, or what date do you plan to apply for accreditation?**
- 4. Has your organisation used external commercial providers (either directly or through a third party) for digital forensics work covered by the scope of the FSR Codes of Practice and Conduct in the past 12 months?**
- 5. If yes to question 4. could you provide the names of those external providers?**
- 6. If yes to question 4., are those external laboratories accredited to the ISO 17025:2005 standard and what is the scope they hold?**
- 7. Is your organisation planning to tender for the provision of digital forensic services within the next 12 months?**
- 8. If yes to question 7, will you consider bids from external laboratories that are not accredited to the ISO 17025:2005 standard with a scope that includes digital forensics work?**
- 9. Following on from the dropping of two cases by the Metropolitan Police as a result of late disclosure, has your organisation taken specific measures to address disclosure of digital forensic evidence? If so, can you provide details of these measures?**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response

Q1 - Initial assessment with UKAS provisionally booked for week commencing 23rd April 2018 for Data extraction from conventional hard disk drives, solid state drives, USB devices, Optical Media and media cards and mobile phones.

Q2 – Not as yet accredited.

Q3 - Plan to apply In May 2018 as an extension to scope.

Q4 – No

Q5 – N/A

Q6 – N/A

Q7 - No

Q8 – N/A

Q9 - This is in discussion presently and when agreed information will be disseminated to the digital forensics unit.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Hertfordshire Constabulary if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.