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To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: CRU Advice referral - Derbyshire reference 6629/S
Date: 28 January 2025 09:47:02
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Good Morning Cru
Please find attached a referral for your perusal.
Thank you for your help

S.40(2)

Freedom of Information Officer
Optimising Policing Data Section
Information Management
Digital, Data and Technology (DDaT)
Derbyshire Constabulary
Butterley Hall
Ripley
Derbyshire

S.31(1)

Web: <https://www.derbyshire.police.uk>

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Subject: FOI Referral - 01/FOI/25/013561
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Good morning

Please find an FOI referral attached.

If you need any further information, please let us know.

Kind regards

S.40(2)

Information Request Officer

Nottinghamshire Police

Force Headquarters, Sherwood Lodge,

Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 8PP

Tel: S.31.(1)

Please note my working days are: S.40(2)

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To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: FOI 2379476/25
Date: 28 January 2025 09:52:58
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[CRU Referral Form 2379476-25.docx](#)
[image003.jpg](#)

Good morning
Please see attached CRU referral form.
Kind Regards

S.40(2)

Data and Information Sharing Officer
Information Management
Digital Policing
West Yorkshire Police

Admin 4, Laburnum Road, Wakefield WF1 3QS

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Bcc: S.31(1)

Subject: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40(1) - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow

Date: 28 January 2025 12:19:00

Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Dear All,

The following FOI request has been logged in the CRU today - **Please let us know if you have received it. Advice will follow in due course.**

Log Number: 93/25

Case worker: TBA

Referred by: Derbyshire Constabulary

Sent from: S.40(2)

I am writing to request the following information relating to PND Facial Recognition Searches:

- **The number of PND facial recognition searches conducted by your force in each month of 2024**
- **A monthly breakdown of the reason for these searches**
- **For searches of images of criminal suspects, a monthly breakdown of the offence types searched for.**

Kind regards,


S.40(2)


Management Assistant

National Police Freedom of Information and Data Protection Unit

National Police Chiefs' Council

 NPFDU PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire. PO14 9FS

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From: S.40(2) on behalf of [Requests](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: CHESHIRE RE: [EXTERNAL] Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40 - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 15:43:42
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Received in Cheshire

From: [Information Rights Requests](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: Cleveland: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40(- PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 13:00:56
Attachments: [image003.wmz](#)
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[image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

Good Afternoon,

I can confirm Cleveland has received the below FOI.

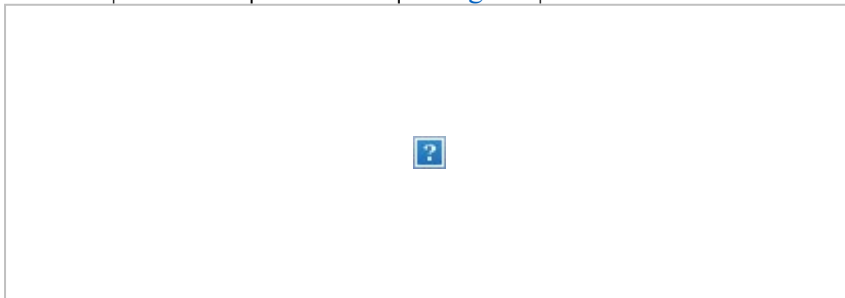
Regards

S.40(2)

Information Rights Administrator

St Marks House | St Marks Court | Thornaby | TS17 6QW

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From: [FOIEmail](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: Cumbria RE: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - **S.40** - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 12:24:57
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Dear Team,
Request also received by Cumbria.
Regards,
S.40(2)

Public Access & Disclosure Decision Maker
Digital, Data & Technology Command

T: S.31(1)
E: S.31(1)

Cumbria Constabulary
Police Headquarters, Carleton Hall, Penrith, Cumbria. CA10 2AU.

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From: [FOI](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40(PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 12:21:17
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

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Good Afternoon

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police have received this request

Kind regards

S.40(2)

Cymorth Gweinyddol/ Administrative Support

Rheoli Gwybodaeth a Chydymffurfiaeth/ Information Management and Compliance

Pencadlys Heddlu - Dyfed-Powys Police Headquarters

Caerfyrddin – Carmarthen

S.40(2)

If you have been provided with Police Disclosure in this matter then you and your Organisation are reminded of your responsibilities as a new Data Controller of this Data and that if there is any further sharing of this Data that the appropriate Sharing Agreements are in place and considered and/or the appropriate Legal Basis exists for further sharing. You will need to Notify Heddlu Dyfed-Powys Police of this further sharing and all Staff should be appropriately Trained in Data Protection/UK-GDPR and Information Security to deal with any Police Disclosure and subsequent Processing'

From: [Info Rights Freedom Essex](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: Essex RE: EXTERNAL - Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40(- PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 30 January 2025 16:56:58
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good afternoon,
Essex Police confirm receipt of this FOI request.
Kind regards,

S.40(2)

Information Officer | Information Rights Team
Information Compliance & Assurance | Information Management Dept.
Continuous Improvement & Analytics Directorate | Essex Police

Email: S.31(1)

Telephone: S.31(1) (Open office hours, Monday to Friday or answerphone facility available)

Address: Information Rights Team, Information Management Dept., Essex Police HQ, PO Box 2, Chelmsford CM2 6DA

From: [Freedom of Information](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/S.40(2) - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 16:50:20
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hello,
GMP have also received this request.
S.40(2)

Information Management Branch | Greater Manchester Police
Postal address: c/o Openshaw Complex, Lawton Street, Openshaw, Manchester M11 2NS

From: [FreedomOfInformation](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - [REDACTED] - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 12:23:50
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good afternoon

Gwent Police confirm receipt of this FOI and await your guidance

Thanks

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From: [PUBLIC ACCESS Mailbox](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: Hampshire FOI/14123/U Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - **S.40** - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 14:06:02
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Kind Regards

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Public Access Assistant

Joint Information Management Unit | Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary & Thames Valley Police.

Address: Hampshire Constabulary, Mottisfont Court, Tower Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8ZD.

Information Management Helpdesk:

Hampshire **S.31(1)**

Thames Valley: **S.31(1)**

From: [Freedom of Information Kent](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: KENT - Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - **S.40** - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 14:01:16
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[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Dear CRU,
We have received the below FOI and will await advise.
Kind regards,
S.40(2), S.31(1)

Palace Avenue | Maidstone | Kent | ME15 6NF



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To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 12:28:03
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good Afternoon,
I can confirm Merseyside Police have received the below request.
Kind regards,

S.40(2)
Data Access Analyst
Merseyside Police
Direct Line Tel: S.31(1)

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From: S.31(1)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - [REDACTED] - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 29 January 2025 09:46:06
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Dear NPCC,
The MET police has received this request.
Kind regards

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From: [Freedom Of Information \(Norfolk\)](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: Norfolk & Suffolk receipt- Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - **S.41** - PND Facial Recognition Searches
Date: 28 January 2025 12:26:59
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good Afternoon,
Received by Norfolk and Suffolk.
Kind regards,

S.40(2)

Freedom of Information Researcher

Norfolk Constabulary
OCC, Jubilee House, Falconer's Chase,
Wymondham, Norfolk, NR18 0WW.

Tel: **S.31(1)**

www.norfolk.police.uk

From: [Freedom of Information Team](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: North Wales: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - **S.40** PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 13:06:54
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

From: [Freedom of Information](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - [REDACTED] - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 29 January 2025 13:43:56
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Good afternoon,

I can confirm we have received the same request.

Kind regards,

S.40(2) [REDACTED] **Data Rights Disclosure Officer (Freedom of Information)**

Information Assurance | Enabling Services

☎ Telephone: 101 **S.31(1)** [REDACTED]

📍 Address: Force HQ, Wootton Hall, Mereway, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

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From: [Freedom of Information Mailbox](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - [REDACTED] - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 29 January 2025 13:25:04
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good afternoon,
We can confirm that Northumbria Police has received the above request.
We'll await your advice on this.

Kind regards,

S.40(2) [REDACTED]

Information Management Department

| M: S.40(2) [REDACTED] | W: www.northumbria.police.uk

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Subject: SYP - RE: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - **S.40(** - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 13:03:51
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[image002.png](#)

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S.40(2)

Disclosure Officer
Data Office – Information Rights Unit
Performance and Governance
South Yorkshire Police
Carbrook House
Carbrook Hall Road
Sheffield
S9 2EG

From: Public Access TV
Sent: 28 January 2025 13:12
To: NPCC CRU Mailbox
Subject: Thames valley police received: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40(2) PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow

S.40(2) Public Access Assistant
Joint Information Management Unit | Hampshire Constabulary & Thames Valley Police
Email Address S.31(1)
S.40(2)

From: [Information Compliance](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: WEST MERCIA POLICE - RE: [EXTERNAL] Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40(1) - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 14:54:28
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good afternoon
West Mercia Police have received this request.

Regards

S.40(2)

Information Compliance Assistant | Information Compliance Unit | West Mercia Police

Hindlip Hall Police Headquarters, Hindlip Hall, Worcester, WR3 8SP

Direct Dial: S.31(1)

Team email: S.31(1)

From: S.40(2)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40(1) - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 28 January 2025 12:40:28
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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[image005.png](#)

Good afternoon.

This is an email to confirm we have received the below FOI request, and we will await advice in due course.

Kind regards

S.40(2)

Civil Disclosure Administrative Assistant

Civil Disclosure

Evolve Legal Services (ELS)

North Yorkshire Police, Alverton Court, Crosby Road, Northallerton, DL6 1BF

Telephone: S.31(1)

Legal Services General Enquiries: S.40(2)



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Bcc: S.40(2), S.31(1)

Subject: Log No. 93/25 - PND Searches - CRU Circulation (20/02/2025) - Including Advice
Date: 26 February 2025 13:58:00
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Dear All,

The following FOI request has been logged in the CRU today. Advice is at the end of the message.

Log Number: 93/25

Case worker: S.40(2)

Logged with: National

Applicants Request:

I am writing to request the following information relating to PND Facial Recognition Searches:

- The number of PND facial recognition searches conducted by your force in each month of 2024
- A monthly breakdown of the reason for these searches
- For searches of images of criminal suspects, a monthly breakdown of the offence types searched for.

30/01/25 - LEICESTERSHIRE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL REQUEST:

- The number of RFR searches conducted by your force in each month of 2024
- A monthly breakdown of the reason for these searches
- For searches of images of criminal suspects, a monthly breakdown of the offence types searched for.

CRU Advice:

As with any request cost should be the first consideration. We have been made aware by at least 1 force that due to the way in which their information is formatted and the number of records held, Q3 will likely exceed 18 hours of work. If that is the case for your force, then s12 is recommended to be used. As you will be aware, if s12 applies to one question then it can be applied to the request as a whole, where those questions are materially similar (which they are in this case). When issuing your s12 refusal notice we recommend you notify the applicant how best to refine their request, if feasible to do so.

If cost is not a factor then the following advice applies:

The applicant asks for the number of PND facial recognition searches each month for 2024. As far as we are aware, searches of PND only involve the use of RFR technology. As per the [terminology overview](#), RFR falls entirely within the window of overt use, therefore a total number of searches can be considered for release without the need for any partial NCND to be applied.

In terms of the further breakdown's requested and assuming cost is not a factor, disclosure will be subject to a thorough local assessment to ensure that at the level of breakdown requested individuals cannot be identified and live ongoing investigations are not undermined. If a disclosure is being considered then an uncorrelated format is advised to mitigate risk.

Kind regards

S.40(2)

National Freedom of Information Referral Officer
National Police FOI & DP Central Referral Unit (NPFDU)
National Police Chiefs' Council

📍 NPFDU PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire. PO14 9FS

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From: [FOI](#)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: 0475/25 - Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - **S.40(1)** - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 30 January 2025 08:34:20
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Good morning,

We have also received this, but he submitted two requests regarding facial recognition tech, so I've aggregated these. I presume he has sent both requests nationally. Following aggregation we have the full request as below;

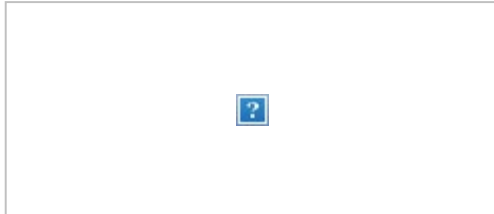
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- The number of PND facial recognition searches conducted by your force in each month of 2024
 - A monthly breakdown of the reason for these searches
 - For searches of images of criminal suspects, a monthly breakdown of the offence types searched for.
 - The number of RFR searches conducted by your force in each month of 2024
 - A monthly breakdown of the reason for these searches
 - For searches of images of criminal suspects, a monthly breakdown of the offence types searched for.
-

Thanks,

S.40(2)

Freedom of Information Officer

Leicestershire Police, Information Management Section



From: S.40(2)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: [External]: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40 - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 04 February 2025 11:46:26
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
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Hi S.40(2)

I have a small update regarding potential data for this request.

I have just spoken with a colleague who deals with this information and she advised that the information she holds is a report from the Home Office with general statistics about which department has conducted x amount of PND facial searches. She advised there is no information on the report regarding the offence types searched for (Q3). However, she referenced finding some additional information regarding broad reasons for searching (which I think will fall within the scope of Q2) such as intelligence, national security etc. I am not in possession of the information at this stage but thought it would be best to give you an update as soon as possible as I don't know how long it will take for me to receive this.

Kind regards,

S.40(2)

Freedom of Information Officer
Information Management
West Midlands Police

Web: west-midlands.police.uk

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From: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
To: S.40(2)
Subject: RE: [External]: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40 - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 04 February 2025 15:45:00
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[image019.png](#)

Dear S.40(2)

Thank you for your email. I have added this to the case and left a note for the case workers.

Kind regards,


S.40(2)


Management Assistant

National Police Freedom of Information and Data Protection Unit

National Police Chiefs' Council

 NPFDU PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire. PO14 9FS

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From: S.40(2)
To: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: [External]: Log No.93/25 CRU Circulation (28/01/2025) - S.40 - PND Facial Recognition Searches - Advice to Follow
Date: 06 February 2025 14:56:07
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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[image013.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi S.40(2),
Thank you.

I have now received the data I was referring to so can advise more on what we hold:
We have a table of statistics for each month of 2024 on which department conducted X amount of searches (e.g. Intel, CTU, CID, ROCU etc). We also have a table of statistics for the whole of 2024 on which department conducted X amount of searches broken down by the reason (e.g. Audit/MOPI, Child abuse investigation, National security, Serious crime investigation etc). Separately, and regarding question 3 for offences under investigation, I was advised by Intelligence analysts that this is a free text entry when you conduct a search, therefore I think based on the quantity of searches I have in these tables (over 18,000) I think this will be the cost element.

Kind regards,



S.40(2)
Freedom of Information Officer
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