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To: "Metropolitan FOI"
Subject: Log No. 1782/22 - S.40(2) CRU Circulation (13/12/2022) - Sex offenders - Including Advice
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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: 1782/22
Case worker: S.40(2)
Logged with: Metropolitan Police
Sent from: S.40(2)

Applicants Request:

Would you be able to answer the following as a refined request for disclosure of the following information, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("Fol") instead please?

Description of information sought:

- If you cannot provide the following data for the past three financial years, could you do so for one financial year within cost limits?
- How many sex offenders did your force have registered living in the force area (please state the time period these data cover)?
- How many instances has your force recorded of sex offenders having made a notification to your force that they have changed their identity through name change (please state the time period these data cover)?
- How many offences have been committed by sex offenders within your police force area of failure to comply with the notification requirement (please state the time period these data cover)?
- How long does it take for a registered sex offender to be classed as "missing" from your police force area?
- How many registered sex offenders were recorded as having gone missing from your police force area (please state the time period these data cover)?
- Please provide these data in an .xlsx/.xls/.csv file format so I am capable to re-use them as per Section 11 of Fol.

CRU Advice:

This is a refined request of CRU reference 1355/22 following a cost refusal. It appears the applicant has refined the request to only 1 year and removed questions 2, 3, 4, & 7 from the initial submission. The remaining questions are the same as before.

Therefore I have attached **S.40(2)** original advice for 1355/22 which remains relevant for these remaining questions.

I note you have cited the reason for request as “mandatory” on the form. For information, requests related to statistical data for RSO’s has now been removed from our list of mandatory referrals (see CRU email dated 25/10/2022 – attached for info). Moving forward, there is no requirement to refer these requests to us unless you have a specific question which requires advice. If so, please refer to the CRU with the details of your query and any information held and we will be happy to help.

If you require any further assistance please contact the CRU,

Kind regards

S.40(2)

National Freedom of Information Referral Officer
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From: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Cc: [NPCC CRU Mailbox](#)
Subject: CRU Referral form
Date: 25 October 2022 12:08:17
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[CRU Referral Criteria and Form v8 25.10.22.doc](#)
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Dear all,

Please find attached an updated referral form, version 8.0.

At this time we have removed the requirement for mandatory referral of requests relating to :

- Misconduct,
- Sex offenders (RSO) or dangerous offender management statistical data
- Brexit
- Software
- Facial recognition
- Fleet lists

The stance with regards these subject areas are well established, however, should any “new” questions be received, or you require further clarity please continue to send them.

You will note a new table titled “Temporary Mandatory Referrals”, which hopefully speaks for itself. Presently this only contains one subject area regarding the Black Workforce Survey - please continue to send in any requests for subject matter listed here until removed.

Please note when sending in referrals to provide as much information as possible, and in relation to IR’s or Appeal cases, copies of previous responses and correspondence.

Kind regards

S.40(2)

Deputy Manager

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In order for the NPFDU CRU to deliver its remit, forces and partners must refer certain requests centrally.

In addition to these mandatory referrals, any FOI/EIR request can be sent that requires specific disclosure and/or technical advice. To do so a completed referral form needs to be sent by e-mail to **S.31(1)**

Please note incomplete forms may have to be returned.

Advice on the referral process or a simple FOI/EIR technical query can also be made by telephoning the team on 01489 569826.

Once a FOI referral has been received in the NPFDU CRU, we will generate an e-mail which will confirm its URN. This message may also contain further instructions which must be complied with before further guidance can be issued.

Any request referred must **not** be answered until a final response has been received from the NPFDU CRU. **If your force is considering making a disclosure prior to advice being issued or if it does not intend to follow national guidance, please make contact as soon as possible.**

Mandatory Referrals-By Subject Area	
Subject	Notes
Witness protection/protected persons.	Ultra high risk subject area which must be referred to CRU.
Requests which name and/or relate to information which MAY originate from any of the S23 bodies.	S.23(1)
Covert operations, use of informants or surveillance activities or tactics.	Ultra high risk subject area which must be referred to CRU.
Counter terrorism (incl Prevent, Pursue, Protect, Prepare) and/or national security material or operations.	Includes SB, CTU, CBRN, port or airport operations, Crowded Spaces and ANPR.
VIP/Royalty Protection.	To include high profile Royal events and visits.
Information received from or which relates to certain partner agencies. *	Includes NPCC, any government department, IOPC, CPS and College of Policing.
Major or complex incidents or investigations or operations. *	Examples such as extremist protests, large scale public disorder, multiple or high profile unexplained deaths, cross border incidents. Will also include national operations such as Hydrant , UCPI , County Lines, Opal and Op Uplift
International Relations	Includes international training, visiting overseas dignitaries & FCO equities where s27 may be engaged.
National Security	Requests requiring s24 will need stakeholder consideration
Notification of ICO complaint, First Tier Tribunal or Upper Tribunal activity	
Requests with potentially significant reputational implications, e.g. the storage of human tissue.	Where policing leads would welcome the opportunity to comment (if unsure please contact the CRU)
Requests for deceased persons criminal records/PNC record	Includes prolific/notorious deceased offenders as well as famous/non-famous deceased individuals.

*If a request is captured by previous NPFDU guidance within the past 12 months, then no referral is required.

Temporary Mandatory Referrals	
Subject	Date added
Our Black Workforce Survey	13/10/22

*There is no requirement to refer if the information requested is already officially published 'Officially published' includes, MAPPA reports and websites such as OSC, The College of Policing, NPCC, Government, IOPC, PCC, Police.UK or Force websites, or documents already marked as suitable for publication under FOIA 2000.

****PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THE BELOW FIELDS TO ENSURE ACCURATE & TIMELY ADVICE****

Force reference number:	
Date request received:	
Type of request:	Initial/Internal Review/Appeal/Tribunal (delete as appropriate) If at IR or appeal stage please provide sight of previous responses and requestors comments.
All known applicant details:	
Actual wording of request	
Person dealing with request and contact number:	
Reason for referral:	
Do you know what information you hold? Please provide as much detail as possible.	
If a technical query and/or request for disclosure advice specifically what is the issue: (For S14 queries please enter as much detail as possible)	