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Thank you for your request for information regarding an ACRO strategy paper, which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

I am looking into a MSc thesis with a student and we are trying to find out if the government digital strategy has implications for the monitoring of criminals, sex offenders and the like, including specifically by impacting on Disclosure and Barring services and on ACRO activities such as International Child Protection Certificates?

Do you have any papers or insights that you can share with us please?

Is there perhaps a government or DBS or ACRO strategy or analysis paper that has been published?

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.

Outside of the Freedom of Information Act and as gesture of goodwill, my colleagues from ACRO have provided the following information.

'ACRO and other law enforcement agencies produce the International Child Protection Certificate in collaboration, to UK members of the public who are recruited to work overseas with vulnerable persons, typically children. The applicant is required to link their application to an overseas organisation such as an International school. It is considered to be one of a range of safeguard measures to reduce the risks of future offending.

ACRO is not able to comment at this time on the GDS, accepting that it is the role of the GDS to transform law enforcement data systems at a future point, but as yet any plans to transform have not been subject to impacting on the delivery of ICPC and ACRO future technology planning.

Details of the ICPC application process can be found on the ACRO website.

ACRO is unable to comment on DBS processes. Their role is primarily to conduct persons seeking employment or volunteering in a safeguarding capacity, and the check is conducted on behalf of the UK organisation.'

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If you wish to apply to the DBS in relation to any information they may hold, you can contact them via dbsfoi@dbs.gov.uk.

Kind regards

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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

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the NPCC, when refusing to provide information by way of exemption in question and (c) states why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a refusal notice to those aspects of your request.

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.