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Thank you for your request for information regarding international record sharing, which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

I am a solicitor located in Mersin/Turkey. One of my clients, a Turkish citizen told me that he was taken a police caution due to a sexual offence that is normally punishable to imprisonment or fine under "Sexual Offences Act 2003" while he was staying in England as a foreigner. He asked me about if the Turkish authorities will learn his criminal record held in the UK.

As you know, European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters of 1959, to which both the UK and Turkey are parties regulates the exchange of information from judicial records. Article 22 of this Convention stipulates "Each Contracting Party shall inform any other Party of all criminal convictions and subsequent measures in respect of nationals of the latter Party, entered in the judicial records. Ministries of Justice shall communicate such information to one another at least once a year. Where the person concerned is considered a national of two or more other Contracting Parties, the information shall be given to each of these Parties, unless the person is a national of the Party in the territory of which he was convicted."

However, I could not find any information about the practice and the specific question of my client.

1. Does the UK share the criminal records of Turkish citizens in the UK with Turkish authorities?
2. If yes, are caution records also shared in this framework although caution is not conviction but out-of-court order?

NPCC Response:

The NPCC does hold information that answers question one of your request. I can confirm that the UK does not currently share criminal records of Turkish nationals in the UK with the authorities in Turkey.

I have not answered question two of your request as the answer to question one invalidates it.

Yours sincerely,

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