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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 2865/2026

Thank you for your request for information regarding Opal, which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the Opal National Intelligence Unit for Serious Organised Acquisitive Crime (SOAC), which is administered by the National Police Chiefs' Council.

I request the following information:

1. Whether the Opal unit currently uses, or has at any point trialled or piloted, any software, platform or services provided by Palantir Technologies Inc. or any of its subsidiaries.
2. Copies of any contracts, procurement records, purchase orders, or memoranda of understanding between the Opal unit and Palantir Technologies Inc. or any of its subsidiaries.
3. Any communications between the Opal unit and NPCC leadership regarding the consideration, evaluation or procurement of Palantir Technologies products or services.
4. The names of all third-party technology companies currently providing intelligence analysis, data processing or investigative platform software to the Opal unit.
5. Whether the Opal unit has any data sharing arrangements with any government department, including the Ministry of Defence, involving Palantir Technologies infrastructure.

NPCC Response:

1. The NPCC does not hold recorded information captured by your request.

The NPCC does not hold any information to indicate that the Opal Unit currently uses, or has previously trialled or piloted, any software, platform or services provided by Palantir Technologies Inc. or any of its subsidiaries.

2. The NPCC does not hold recorded information captured by your request.

As the NPCC does not hold any information relevant to Question 1, it therefore follows that no contracts, procurement records, purchase orders or memoranda of understanding relating to Palantir Technologies Inc. (or its subsidiaries) are held by the NPCC.

3. The NPC does not hold recorded information captured by your request.

The NPCC does not hold any recorded information falling within the scope of this question.

4. The NPCC does hold recorded information captured by your request.

The Opal unit currently uses, or has access to, the following third-party technology platforms:

- Chorus
- ArcGIS
- i2 Analyst's Notebook
- In addition, the Opal unit has access to the Auror and ShopSafe databases for search purposes only. No data is entered into these systems by the Opal unit for storage or onward viewing by other parties.

5. The NPCC does not hold recorded information captured by your request.

The NPCC does not hold data-sharing arrangements with government departments, including the Ministry of Defence, involving Palantir Technologies infrastructure.

Yours sincerely
Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Internal Review

Any request for an internal review will be acknowledged and responded to, based on the specific wording of your initial request only.

We ask that any rationale to request an internal review, does not include any requests for new information and ask that these be submitted by separate email. We will acknowledge as a new request and may aggregate to your initial request in compliance with the legislation.

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 40 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.

Annex A

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.