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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 126/2023**

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

**Applicant Question:**

1. Please confirm the person and their role who is in charge of procurement.
2. Please confirm the person and their role who is in charge of transformation (ICT / Technology related).
3. Please confirm the person and their role who is in charge of technology/ICT.
4. Which transformation projects are currently out to tender?
5. Which department deals with cloud migration?
6. Who is in charge of that department?

**NPCC Response:**

The NPCC does hold information captured by your request.



Chief Constable Gavin Stephens – Chair of the National Police Chiefs’ Council was appointed in April 2023, after being elected to the role in October 2022.

The NPCC is a collaboration body that enables independent Chief Constables and their forces to work together to improve policing for the public. The NPCC [employs a Chair](#) and a team to run and support its work. **Legally, the NPCC is a national unit hosted by the MPS.**

In support of Chief Officers, the NPCC has a Strategic Hub. The hub proactively supports national leadership in policing, providing chief officers and NPCC leads with additional resources to progress policing priorities; collaborate across the policing system and communicate information, advise or make representation.

1. NPCC Business Support Office manages procurement for the NPCC Strategic Hub, led by the NPCC Business Support Manager.
2. NPCC Business Support Office manages the transformation of ICT/technology for the NPCC Strategic Hub, led by the NPCC Business Support Manager.
3. NPCC Business Support Office manages IT/technology for the NPCC Strategic Hub, led by the NPCC Business Support Manger.
4. The NPCC Business Support Office does not hold information captured by your request. The NPCC transitioned to the Police Digital Service (PDS) on the national policing platform.
5. The transition to PDS on the cloud migration to the national policing platform has been completed. All forces are currently migrating to this platform as the national solution.
6. As above. Further information relating to DPS can be found [here](#).

The NPCC has a legal obligation to try and advise and assist you further with your request; the following information may be of interest to you. For more information on the legislation please see Annex A.

The National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC) is funded by its membership organisations who have signed a [Section 22a agreement](#), which sets out the funding arrangements, structure and governance arrangements.

Contributory members can be found [here](#).

There are [45 police forces covering England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland](#) as well as three specialist police forces: the [British Transport Police](#); [Ministry of Defence Police](#); and the [Civil Nuclear Constabulary](#). Forces are led by Chief Constables who are operationally independent, meaning that they have the power to direct and control the officers and staff they employ to fight crime and keep people safe and secure according to local need.

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) hold Chief Constables to account for delivering effective policing and managing resources. The College of Policing is a professional body that sets standards and develops those working in policing. The National Crime Agency works at a national and international level to combat serious organised crime.

Within this policing model, there is a need for police forces to work together to be effective. As some of the biggest threats we face in the UK, like terrorism and organised crime, are national and international this need has never been greater. Forces have a collective strength to tackle crime by joining up their operational response. Collaboration between forces on issues such as finance, technology and human resources helps to ensure consistent national approaches and can save money, which can be reinvested in improving policing for the public.

The NPCC is funded by number of parties that includes Police and Crime Commissioners and has an independent governance structure that ensures accountability. It is hosted by the [Metropolitan Police Service](#) (MPS) rather than being a company limited by guarantee. While all chief officers have the opportunity to be involved in and shape the work of the NPCC, it is not a membership body in the traditional sense. National units are now be hosted by forces following a transparent selection process.

Aligned with the National Police Collaboration Agreement, the NPCC functions are:

- Coordination of national operations including defining, monitoring and testing force contributions to the Strategic Policing Requirement, working with the [National Crime Agency](#) (NCA) where appropriate.
- Command of [counter-terrorism operations](#) and delivery of counter-terrorist policing through the national network as set out in the [National Counter Terrorism S22A Collaboration Agreement 2019](#).
- Coordination of the national police response to national emergencies and the mobilisation of resources across force borders and internationally.
- National operational implementation of standards and policy as set by the College of Policing and Government.
- Working with the College of Policing, development of joint national approaches on criminal justice, value for money, service transformation, information management, performance management and technology.

- Working with the College of Policing (where appropriate), in the development of joint national approaches to staff and human resource issues (including misconduct and discipline) in line with Chief Constables' responsibilities as employers.

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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.