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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 375/2023

Thank you for your request for information regarding information security and assurance roles within the NPCC, which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

Dear National Police Chiefs' Council,

Please can you provide a breakdown of those positions within your force responsible for Information Security and/or information assurance, as defined by the college of policing: <https://www.college.police.uk/app/information-management/information-assurance>

I would be grateful if for each position you could please provide the information in the following way:

Department, Job Title, Grade/Rank, Salary Scale, Status (Vacant/Filled)

To be explicit, I am not requesting any personally identifiable information. From my research this information is normally provided routinely as part of a recruitment exercise and I therefore trust that this request would not attract Section 40 considerations.

NPCC Response:

Due to the specific wording of your request, 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.

In wishing to explain further, the NPCC is not a police 'force' or Law Enforcement agency and does therefore does not investigate crime.

The National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) brings UK police leaders together to set direction in policing and drive progress for the public.

This is achieved through:



- Coordination – by joining up the operational response to critical national policing issues to deliver policing today and shape the future.
- Collaboration – by working in partnership as part of the whole policing system and beyond to improve public safety.
- Communication – by sharing the collective expertise, views and action of UK police chiefs.

Outside of the Freedom of Information Act and as a gesture of goodwill, my colleagues have confirmed

‘There is currently no formal arrangement or function for Information Security specifically, and all Information Assurance matters are overseen by the Data Protection Officer for NPCC.

In response to some audit recommendations, the NPCC is looking to adopt the SyAP (Security Assurance for Policing) framework and have secured some resource to assist with that, but that is resource released from force and not on secondment, nor paid for by NPCC, and only until the end of March '24 so they are not established roles or functions within NPCC.’

Additionally the NPCC Data protection Policy and Privacy policy are both publically available via the NPCC website. I have provided links below.

[196-2023-npcc-data-protection-policy---version-2.1-feb-2022.pdf](#)

[Privacy policy \(npcc.police.uk\)](#)

I have also provided below, the job advert and description, publically available for the NPCC Data Protection Officer.

[Data Protection Officer - Police Careers \(MET\) \(tal.net\)](#)

Yours sincerely

Fiona Greenlees

NPCC Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

www.npcc.police.uk

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

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.