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2. All information held by the Police can be shared with the US Authorities once the purpose of the request has been determined. Information that is considered ‘spent’ under the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 may be disclosed for a policing purpose as defined within the Codes of Practice for the Management of Police Information. For your information and convenience, I provide you with a web-link to ACPO Guidance on the Management of Police Information (Second Edition) 2010.


3. The ACRO International Development portfolio is to promote the exchange of criminal record information between countries to ensure that crime is tackled on a global scale.

ACRO is working to identify which foreign nationals most frequently commit crime in the United Kingdom. This will enable ACRO to establish agreements to exchange information with these countries.

This work will not only allow police officers in the United Kingdom to access up to date information about foreign nationals from around the globe who are offending there, but will also equip officers in the other engaged countries to access information about United Kingdom nationals offending overseas.

In addition the Non European Union Exchange of Criminal Records team (NEU-ECR) has responsibility on behalf of SOCA (Serious and Organised Crime Agency) to exchange criminal records with up to 188 Interpol Countries which includes the US.

The NEU-ECR team makes requests on behalf of police forces and other agencies for the criminal records of Non European Union nationals who are the subjects of criminal proceedings in those countries.

The NEU-ECR team notifies Interpol countries when one of their nationals has been convicted in the United Kingdom and will ensure that convictions obtained by United Kingdom nationals in other Interpol countries are added to United Kingdom law enforcement systems.

This work supports the criminal justice systems both in the United Kingdom and overseas, supports policing objectives and assists in reducing harm to the public.

ACRO Bureau works with a number of bodies, such as the Environment Agency and the Civil Aviation Authority to provide PNC Services. This ensures that all convictions are available to the Courts when sentencing an offender.

In addition, the Bureau works closely with bodies such as the Prison Service, Independent Safeguarding Authority and Ministry of Justice to carry out checks on the PNC for security purposes.

ACRO also provides conviction information to the United Kingdom Borders Agency (UKBA) for people applying for a United Kingdom visa. This information is critical to the UKBA in deciding whether or not entry is granted to the United Kingdom.

The Bureau also issues Police Certificates to people who want to emigrate to a number of countries including Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United States of America.

The Certificate, which is sent direct to the applicant, details whether or not they have a criminal record in the United Kingdom and is required as part of the visa process by the respective High Commission or Embassy.
The US forms part of the Five Country Conference (5CC), along with Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK which facilitates the exchange of immigration information at overseas locations to enhance the integrity of each Member Country’s immigration and border security program delivery. The purpose of such an arrangement would be to facilitate the exchange of immigration information at overseas locations and to provide a clear framework in which such exchanges can take place and expectations as to how such exchanges should be conducted.

Immigration information can be defined as information, including personal information, which assists in the regulation of whether, and on what basis, any person may travel to, enter, or remain in, one of the Five Countries; and/or which supports efforts to disrupt or prosecute attempts to circumvent or avoid immigration controls, including the use of criminal prosecutions for related activities by way of other existing mechanisms or processes.

4. ACPO do not hold information captured by your request.

Response reference 000061/12 states that ACRO received no requests in 2011 via Interpol from the US Authorities. I can confirm that ACRO received no requests in 2008, 2009 and 2010 via Interpol from the US Authorities. To assist you and provide context, Interpol is located in France and is a central hub whereby countries will submit information to them to share with other countries. ACRO are not involved in this process and do not hold any figures in relation to information provided by forces to Interpol.

5. ACPO do not hold information captured by your request. ACRO has no recorded information which states the process that other Countries follow with regard to sharing information with Interpol.

Yours sincerely

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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 ACPO to have the decision reviewed within 2 months 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 ACPO Freedom of Information, c/o PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 9FS.

If, after lodging a complaint with ACPO, 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.