



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Our Ref: FOI 17575
Your Ref: FOI 17465
Date: 19 December 2024

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 14/11/2024

We refer to the above request which was expressed in the following terms:

'I'm writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to ask if you currently, or at any point in the last 5 years, have or hold a contract with the company Palantir Technologies.

I'll note for the purposes of transparency declarations under the act that this information would not be covered by National Security or law enforcement exemptions, as a recent contract with Leicestershire police has recently been made public voluntarily through the government's contracts finder website, the details of which are here below:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/ce565f22-d758-4294-bf2d-62e3129063a2?origin=SearchResults&p=1>

I'd like to know the cost if applicable, as well as the timeframe of the contract, a vague outline of the work (if this can be made available), and if this has the option to extend or not.

I'd like to know as well, if the force has met with Palantir at any point over the last two years to discuss future contracts, if so, can I have the minutes of these meetings please.'

Further to the above, we also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review.

'I'm requesting an internal review of this request, as, for the reasons I stated in the first Email, what I am asking for would not be covered under this exemption as a public release has already been made.

I'm asking if your police force has a similar contract as is publicly available, with a company which is publicly known and has been shown, voluntarily by Leicestershire police on a publicly available government webpage, to be working with them. There can therefore be no applicable use of the above two exemptions unless it can be illustrated that me requesting the same information is somehow different from one force than it is for another, which is clearly not the case.

I reiterate my request for information.'

Our Response

Upon review of your request for information and all corresponding communication, submitted under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above, we are of the opinion that the response issued, alongside all clarification provided, fully answers the terms of your request.

We also confirm that the application of all exemptions outlined within this response are fully justified, and that the explanations and rationale for their application conveyed clearly and unequivocally.

Whilst Staffordshire Police acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency, particularly in terms of maintaining the trust and confidence of the community we serve, in respect of detailing particular software which may or may not be utilised by the police the public interest in maintaining exemptions from the duty to confirm or deny outweighs the public interest in confirming or denying.

The national stance in respect of software relates to all software unless its use in policing has been nationally acknowledged such as Microsoft products.

Therefore, in the acknowledgement and acceptance of the disclosure made by Leicestershire constabulary, it cannot be assumed that this would equate to a change of stance by all forces.

To reiterate, we stand by our original stance.

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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