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**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191213**

**REQUEST**

*We have been informed that the police hold and/or have access to a database of referrals made under the prevent programme. We request the following information.*

- 1) Does your force hold a prevent database?*
- 2) Do you have access to a centrally held prevent database?*
- 3) If yes to question 2 who is the data controller?*
- 4) What Rank of officer can access the prevent database (either held by your force or centrally)*
- 5) Do any other organisations, government agencies or public bodies have access to any prevent database or can they request data from it via your force.*
- 6) Are you able to add individuals to the database.*

**RESPONSE**

I approached SYP specialist crime services for assistance with your request.

Question 1: Does your force hold a Prevent Database?

**Answer: No.**

Question 2: Do you have access to a centrally held Prevent database.

**Answer: Yes**

Question 3: If yes to question 2 who is the data controller

**Answer: The Chief Constable is the Data Controller for any information inputted and extracted from the database by police officers/staff.**

Question 4: What rank of officer can access the Prevent database (either held by your force or centrally)

**Answer: Any rank of Police Officer or Police Staff can access the database.**

Question 5: Do any other organisations, government agencies or public bodies have access to any Prevent database or can they request data from it via your force.

**Answer: Home Office.**

Question 6: Are you able to add individuals to the database?

**Answer: Yes**

Further information:

There is a National Police Prevent Case Management (PCM) database that is managed centrally by Counter Terrorism Policing Headquarters (CTP HQ). Each Counter Terrorism Unit can access the database from their home force but the database is managed centrally. There are no separate locally/force managed Prevent databases managed by the Police.

Police Prevent Practitioners also have access to the Home Office Channel Management Information System (CMIS) which is a database of Prevent Channel cases. CMIS is owned and managed by the Home Office.

Any rank of police officer or police staff can access the database. Users are identified by operational need (i.e. restricted to Prevent Practitioners) and each user is accredited through minimum vetting standards and training prior to access.

Each referral received by the Police about an individual is added onto the PCM database. Data entry can be conducted by any Prevent Practitioners that is authorised to use the database. Prevent Police Practitioners also update Channel case records of CMIS.