



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 17/2023

Date: 27 April 2023

Request:

Under Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office (or NI Policing Board/Scottish Police Authority if you are receiving this email there):

1. Can you confirm if they have been in communication with the US based company Fusus (<https://www.fusus.com/>) and whether Fusus have approached you to sell their products
2. If so, can I see those communications such as emails, meeting minutes and any other related documents that show communication between them and Fusus and could I see any documents or emails that name Fusus
3. Do they have any plans to, or grant approval for local forces to, buy products from Fusus or similar companies to build a Real-Time Crime Centre or Fusion Centre, if so can I see them
4. Has anyone there spoken to local authorities about using their CCTV and other infrastructure or infrastructure of local public services such as schools or hospitals for the development of a Real-Time Crime Centre or Fusion Centre

I recognise there are FOI exemptions under Section 43(2) relating to commercial interests however I am confident the public interest lies in disclosing this information as the public have a right to know how they will be policed and where public money could be spent.

Answer:

Question 1 – The NI Policing Board (The Board) has not been in communication with the US based company Fusus, nor have they approached the Board to sell their products.

Question 2 – not applicable.

Question 3 – The Board has no plans to buy products from Fusus or similar companies to build a Real-Time Crime Centre or Fusion Centre, nor has it been asked to consider any such plans by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI).

Question 4 – No.

If you have queries about this request or the decision please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

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Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

You should contact the Board within 40 working days of this response.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
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