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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 004/2025

Thank you for your request for information regarding Funding, Governance & MoUs relating to NaVCIS; which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

With regard to two aspects of your response (386/2024 attached for context), please could you advise whether information is held beyond the 6 year period in respect of:

1 (d) NaVCIS do work at UK Ports and work with the Ports Authorities and the Ports Police.

NaVCIS has no financial relationship with them. It is purely operational.

The NaVCIS Ports activities are funded by the funding that NaVCIS receives annually from the Finance and Leasing Association (the FLA).

The FLA provides funding for NaVCIS Ports and Intelligence Operations.

1 (e) NaVCIS do not receive any money for providing access to ANPR data.

NaVCIS does not provide access to ANPR data.

FOI Request:

I am able to restrict this request to information from 2012

1. When did AVCIS/NaVCIS financial relationship with UK ports cease?
2. What monies did AVCIS/NaVCIS receive for providing ANPR data (the above appears to refer to the current situation)
3. What information is held about the offering of ANPR data for payment and the assistance that would be extend in relation to 'stolen' vehicles located at ports
4. When and was the offering withdrawn i.e. when was it decided not to proffer ANPR data for payment?

I am aware of the offering having been invited to 'subscribe' but am unfamiliar with the police position.

Additionally, I would appreciate any recent (within the past 5 years) consideration given to the making of ANPR data available for specific purposes - if this is too broad, please restrict the information to theft/insurer disclosure.

NPCC Response:

This response is aggregated with response 386/2024 for cost purposes, 421/2024 and 422/2024.

The NPCC does not hold information captured by your request.

1. NaVCIS have no information recorded from 2012 regarding a financial relationship between AVCS and UK Ports
2. NaVCIS have no information recorded regarding monies received for providing ANPR data in 2012
3. NaVCIS have no information recorded about the offering of ANPR data for payment or assistance that would be extended in relation to 'stolen' vehicles located at ports
4. NaVCIS have no information recorded about any such offer being withdrawn.
5. There is no record of NaVCIS making ANPR data available to others within the last 5 years.

Normal Standard of proof to apply in determining whether a public authority does hold any requested information is the civil standard of the balance of probabilities. In deciding where the balance lies, the Information Commissioner considers the scope, quality, thoroughness and results of the searches carried out by the public authority as well as considering where appropriate, any other reasons offered by the public authority to explain why the information is not held.

Checks have been made with the NPCC portfolio(s) for NaVCIS who confirms no information held.

I have undertaken all of the necessary checks in establishing whether information is held which is captured by your request and any necessary steps with regard to retrieval of such information.

Searches have been conducted with the NPCC portfolio(s) that relates to the subject matter and I am satisfied that the search conducted to locate the information that you have requested has been robust.

There is no information held within the NPCC and I therefore conclude that the information that you seek is not held by the NPCC.

Yours sincerely

Sherry Traquair
Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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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 NPCC to have the decision reviewed within 40 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.

Annex A

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the NPCC, when refusing to provide information by way of exemption in question and (c) states why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a refusal notice to those aspects of your request.

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.