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## Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 30th September 2022.

In your request you asked for the following information.

- 1) *Could you confirm if HMCPSI is part of the CPS?*
- 2) *If it is part of the CPS, how does it assure independence?*
- 3) *What interaction, if any, do you have with CPS complaints procedures?*
- 4) *Do you have guidelines on how journalists the CPS want to use as witnesses are treated?*
- 5) *Do you respect the wishes of journalists if they made it clear they do not want to cooperate with you?*
- 6) *Do you consider CPS procedures, for example, regarding the FoIA?*

I can confirm that we do hold information in the scope of this request and I will answer your questions individually as you set out above

1. *Could you confirm if HMCPSI is part of the CPS?* – I can confirm that HMCPSI are independent of the CPS
2. *If it is part of the CPS, how does it assure independence* - see the response above
3. *What interaction, if any, do you have with CPS complaints procedures?* – HMCPSI will not have any interaction with CPS complaints procedures unless we are looking at complaints as part of an inspection.
4. *Do you have guidelines on how journalists the CPS want to use as witnesses are treated?* – As per question 1 we are not part of the CPS
5. *Do you respect the wishes of journalists if they made it clear they do not want to cooperate with you?* – This would be a matter for the CPS directly
6. *Do you consider CPS procedures, for example, regarding the FoIA?* – HMCPSI would consider CPS procedures as they pertain to our inspections

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this email and send to the below email address:

info@HMCPSI.gov.uk

You also have the right to ask the Information Commissioner to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is likely to expect the internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.