

REQUEST

Dear Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, In regard of the reported setting up of a "Special Unit" within the Metropolitan Police to track 'internet trolls'. Please provide or direct me to the following recorded information.

- Any/all documentation which would describe the geographical area where this "special unit" would have jurisdiction to operate.
- Complete details of its funding inclusive of any private or corporate donations.
- Any/all documentation which would describe the management structure of the "special unit".
- The oversight body responsible for monitoring this special unit in relation to the Law and rights of the individual.
- Any and all documentation which is in place (or proposed) to protect the rights of the individual.
- The authority in law by which this special unit has been set up.

RESPONSE

I confirm that your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) does hold some information relating to your request 2, as set out below:

2. Complete details of its funding inclusive of any private or corporate donations.

This is funded by the Home Office with match funding from MOPAC/Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

As reported in the press, MOPAC has received £452,000 over two years from the Police Innovation Fund to help pilot an Online Hate Crime Hub. Additional funding from MOPAC and the MPS takes the total investment in the project to £1.7m over two years. No private or corporate donations have been sought or received.

Regarding your requests 1, 4, 5 and 6, I confirm that MOPAC does not hold any information relating to your request, other than that already supplied to you in the decision record:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/mopac-decisions-206>

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) may be able to assist you. You can send your FOI request directly to them, using this link: <http://www.met.police.uk/foi/>

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information request, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-crime/how-we-work/freedom-of-information>

Yours sincerely