

## REQUEST

Dear FOI team,

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

- 1) Can you tell me if your police force contributed financially to keep Key Forensic Services from going into administration in January/February of this year?
- 2) If the answer to Q1 is yes, can you tell me how much money your police force contributed to the bailout of Key Forensic Services?
- 3) If the answer to Q1 is yes, can you tell me from where in your budget this money was taken?
- 4) Can you tell me how many open cases Key Forensic Services were processing for your police force as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018?
- 5) For the answer to Q4, can you tell me the type of offence being investigated in each case?

If you are encountering practical difficulties with complying with this request, please contact me as soon as possible (in line with your section 16 duty to advise and assist requesters) so that we can discuss the matter and if necessary I can modify the request.

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## RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 February to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). Our apologies for the delay in replying you.

I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and that MOPAC does hold information relating to your request. However, this information is exempt from publication under Section 22 of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication. This exemption is subject to the Public Interest Test, and in view of the fact that the intended publication date is within the next few months, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the S.22 exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information in advance of the intended publication date.

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:

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