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Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/00107

I write in connection with your request for information received on 4th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. Do you use any public cloud services?

- Yes
- No

2. Do you use any of the following cloud services? (Indicate all that apply) Microsoft Azure Amazon Web Services (AWS)

- Google Cloud Platform
- Other (please indicate)

3. Approximately what percentage of your IT infrastructure runs in the public cloud?

- 0%
- 1-25%
- 26-50%
- 51 -75%
- 76-99%
- 100%

4. What challenges did you encounter when moving to the public cloud (select all that apply)

- Migrating certain applications
- Lack of senior buy-in
- Difficulty in proving ROI
- Budget constraints
- Licensing concerns
- Compliance concerns
- Security concerns
- Lack of appropriate skills
- Vendor lock-in
- Not applicable

5. What are the current challenges you experience when it comes to procuring and managing IT? (Select all that apply)

- Keeping pace with technology advancement
- Keeping up with government policies such as 'Cloud First'
- Demands for an agile workforce
- Pressures to reduce costs/lack of budget
- Expectations of minimum business disruption
- No central funding and non-negotiable supplier prices
- Lack of appropriate skills supporting digital transformation
- Increase in threat from cyber-attacks

6. The Police National Enabling Programme (NEP) aims to help forces adopt new cloud-based technologies and move to a standardised IT model. Have you begun any projects under the NEP?

- Yes
- No
- Plan to within the next 12 months

7. What are the biggest benefits you expect to experience as a result of digital transformation and the National Enabling Programme? (Select all that apply)

- Ability to collaborate and share data and services with other forces
- Consistency and common standards in operations and outcomes
- Scalable solution that can move at speed to meet demands
- Improved security and defence against cyber-attack
- Free resources to fight 'frontline' crime
- Improve the reputation of police amongst general public
- Ability to meet targets of the Policing Vision 2025
- other

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following your request, searches were conducted at Bedfordshire Police for information relating to IT cloud services.

These searches failed to locate any records / documents relevant to your questions 4, 5 & 7 as these are opinions. Accordingly I have determined that Bedfordshire Police do not hold the information you have requested.

However, Bedfordshire Police are able to provide information in relation to the remaining questions: -

1. Yes
2. Microsoft Azure
3. 1-25%
6. Yes

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.