



Response Date: 13/05/2025

2025/489 - Copy of RMADs and Sys Ops

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would also like a copy of RMADs and Sys Ops for MS Azure, airwave, Forensic Science.

Clarification

Okay, please remove Forensic Science aspect and just provide RMADs and Sys Ops for Airwave and MS Cloud certifications.

Harm has also been identified in releasing the information requested in relation to 'RMADs and Sys Ops for Airwave' therefore, Section 31 (1) (a) (b) (c) Law Enforcement is to be considered as part of the Public Interest Test. A Public Interest Test has been carried out to weigh up the reasons for and against disclosure of the information requested, to ensure the release is in the interest of the public as a whole and not just the applicant.

Section 31 (1) – Law Enforcement

The documents requested have been produced to ensure that there is an appropriate level of information and technical assurance exists in relation to the corporate network and use of certain systems/equipment within NWP. Airwave for example is a critical communication system which is used nationally. The RMADS and Sy Ops contain highly sensitive technical and system configuration and management information relating to Airwave and corporate network which should not enter the public domain. The documents are protectively marked as Official Sensitive and the publication of these documents may prejudice or compromise law enforcement functions.

Release of the information requested could leave North Wales Police vulnerable to cyber-attacks as the documents could provide information to support those who intend to commit a crime. This would impact North Wales Police's ability to carry out critical policing functions.

Public Interest Considerations

Factors in favour disclosure

To the ICT Data Centres Access Standard Operating Procedure would lead to a better informed public and provide confidences for how the Force is protected.

Factors against disclosure

To disclose the ICT Data Centres Access Standard Operating Procedure would provide data to terrorists and individuals intent on carrying out criminal activity as it details security that NWP uses which could

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be exploited and hinder NWPs being able to protect the forces network and systems containing personal information.

Balancing Test

The Police Service is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. As part of that policing purpose, information is gathered which can be highly sensitive relating to high profile investigative activity. Weakening any of our security would place the Force and potentially the country at an increased level of danger.

In addition anything that places that confidence at risk, no matter how generic, would undermine any trust or confidence individuals have in the Police Service. Therefore, at this moment in time, it is our opinion that for these issues the balance test favours not disclosure.

Therefore, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) of the legislation.

In relation to 'MS Cloud certifications' we have been advised that we do not hold this specific information.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 13/05/2025