

I write in connection with your request for information concerning police custody and detention services.

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

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows:

You wrote:

1. Is the custody and detention function in your force currently contracted out to a private provider?

[The custody and detention function is not contracted out to a private provider](#)

2. If yes, please provide the following details:

- a. Name of contractor
- b. Duration and end date of current contract with the contractor
- c. Details of any proposed change in the contractor as a result of retendering

3. If no, do you have any current plans to enter into any tendering process, or call down services from an existing framework contract, to outsource your custody and detention services?

[There are no current plans to enter into any tendering process, or call down services from an existing framework contract, to outsource your custody and detention services](#)

4. The total number of police staff custody and detention officers (full time equivalent please) currently employed by your force, or by the private contractor providing your custody and detention services?

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I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me, and been considered in the light of your request, within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Yours sincerely



Laura Nutland  
FOI & Complaints Officer