

# Information Sharing Agreement Policy Statement



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Information held by Cleveland Police is confidential to serving police officers and police staff whose duties require them to officially obtain, and be in possession of, such information.

Personal data that the Force holds must be processed within the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998. The Act is intended to protect the rights of individuals when their information is processed.

Information used for operational policing purposes is notified to the Information Commissioner. The definition of the policing purpose is the 'prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension and prosecution of offenders'.

Although legislation is present and indicates there is a power to share information, it may not give authority to disclose information under all circumstances.

Requests for disclosure of police information are increasing and emphasis now revolves around multi-agency approaches to solving crime and disorder within the community.

To achieve the purpose of specific strategies, it is acknowledged that it will be necessary to disclose personal information to other public authorities and external agencies under Community Safety Partnerships.

In these circumstances it will be necessary to control the flow of information to ensure that all information sharing has a strong legal basis.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on responsible authorities to formulate and implement strategies for the reduction of crime and disorder in the community.