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Our ref: FOI 2026-281

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th March regarding Palantir Technologies.

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.

Your request for information has now been considered, and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

I'm writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to ask if you currently, or at any point in the last 5 years, have held or hold a contract with the company Palantir Technologies.

I'd like to know the cost if applicable, as well as the timeframe of the contract, a vague outline of the work (if this can be made available), and if this has the option to extend or not.

I'd also like to know which version of Palantir (IE Gotham) is being used, as well as details of the contract itself please.

I'd like to know as well, if the force has met with Palantir at any point over the last two years to discuss future contracts, if so, can I have the minutes of these meetings please.

I'm requesting an internal review of this request, as, for the reasons I stated in the first Email, what I am asking for would not be covered under this exemption as a public release has already been made, by two separate forces.

It does not make sense to say that different forces can act in different ways when approaching an issue as serious as law enforcement or national security. Either something is not allowed to be published due to the serious implications of doing so, or it is.

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Our response:

On reviewing your Freedom of Information request, the response provided to you and your request for an Internal Review, I can respond as follows:

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Whilst I can confirm Wiltshire Police do hold the requested information, section 12(1) of the FOIA states:-

Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The information you are requesting – specifically whether anyone within the Force has met with Palantir at any point over the last two years - is not stored in a way which permits for easy retrieval. Unfortunately, there is no central record of meetings held and therefore, we would need to manually interrogate every paper record relating to in-person meetings and every online meeting appointment over the last two years in order to establish whether the meeting related to Palantir Technologies.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it. Therefore, the whole of the request should fall under the exemption of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note:

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Forces may use different recording systems, therefore it may be possible some Forces can provide this information where others cannot.

Ordinarily under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance we would advise you of a way to refine your request to a more manageable level. Due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this could be achieved.

Although excess cost removes the Forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I can provide you with is documented below:

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No

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N/A

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Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the withheld information.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker