

Please ask for Sgt. Gill Cherry  
Staff Officer to CC Skeer

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Dear Mr Smith,

**Protection of Children Outside the UK investigation – Phase Two  
Rule 9 Request – National Police Chiefs' Council ('NPCC')**

I refer to your earlier letter of 1st October 2018 addressed to Richard Fewkes of Operation Hydrant concerning the above mentioned matter. I note that you requested him, on behalf of the NPCC, to provide any documentation held in relation to a number of matters. This request was made pursuant to the provisions of Rule 9.

Mr Fewkes has re-directed that inquiry to Cumbria Constabulary as the Chief Constable of Cumbria Constabulary, Michelle Skeer, holds the NPCC portfolio for the Management of Sexual Offenders and Violent Offenders. I am the Staff Officer to Chief Constable Skeer and have therefore been tasked with responding to your request for documentation on her behalf. For ease of reference, I will deal with each request in turn, in the same order as raised in your letter of 1st October 2018.

**Request 1**

At present I am unable to answer this request. The NPCC does not hold any information centrally concerning the use of Section 72 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003. As I understand matters, Section 72 of the 2003 Act facilitates the prosecution of British Nationals or UK residents for substantive sexual offences when they are committed abroad. Section 72 is not an offence itself and therefore there is no coding which would allow for the easy retrieval of information concerning the use of Section 72 of the 2003 Act. It may well be the case that in order to obtain meaningful information in relation to this request, a request would need to be sent to each force area who may well be able to interrogate the offences which they have charged and prosecuted.

In relation to this request, I understand that I may well be meeting with the Inquiry team to discuss other matters in relation to an earlier Rule 9 Request directed to Chief Constable Skeer in April 2018. If I am in fact to meet with the Inquiry team in relation to that, it may also be prudent to discuss this more recent request at the same time.

**Request 2**

As this request is inextricably linked to request number 1, I would repeat what I have said above.

**Request 3**

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