**FOI Ref: OPCC 51 – 2024**

**Request: Dated 28th March 2025**

**Response: Dated 10th April 2025**

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) holds the information requested, as outlined below:

Question:

Under the Provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information:

1. That the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner and/or its antecedents are registered as a corporate entity.
2. That the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner and/or its antecedent trade as a corporate entity by letting and/or discharging contracts.

Answer:

The answers to both questions above are answered together in the two paragraphs below:

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) operates as a corporate entity, specifically as a corporation sole, which allows it to let and discharge contracts. This is established under Section 1(2) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, which states that a police and crime commissioner is a corporation sole.

The antecedents of the OPCC, namely the police authorities also operated as corporate bodies. The Police and Magistrates’ Court Act 1994 established police authorities as corporate bodies distinct from local authorities and this was corporate status was carried over to the OPCC’s by the Police Reform and Responsibility Act 2011.

The links to the above named legislation can be found on the links below

[Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/contents)

[Police and Magistrates’ Court Act 1994](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1994/29/enacted#:~:text=An%20Act%20to%20make%20provision,courts%3B%20and%20for%20connected%20purposes.)