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## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001824/20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

Could you please tell me the following: The names of all task forces or special commissions in the Norfolk Constabulary that are set up to combat child sexual abuse.

Clarification:

Yes, I mean (special) investigation teams.

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Norfolk Constabulary has considered your request and our response is below. Norfolk Constabulary has a number of teams set up to combat child sexual abuse. The details are below:

### Safeguarding Children Online Team (SCOLT)

SCOLT provides a team of dedicated officers to combat the growing threat of children being sexually exploited online. The team's primary aim is to safeguard children by identifying early those adult offenders who have committed internet related offences, and who may intend to commit contact offences in the future. The main element of the teams work involves the investigation of internet-related child sexual exploitation offences and indecent image offences. This includes the enforcement of Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP) packages which are produced centrally and sent out to the police area where the suspect resides. The team also offers advice and guidance for non-specialist officers attending reports of online sexual exploitation of children.

### Child Abuse Investigation Unit (CAIU)

The CAIU is responsible for dealing with complex criminal allegations of sexual, physical and emotional abuse or neglect against children and young people under the age of 18, that occur within the family environment or by a person in a position of trust and historic offences committed against adults when they were children under identical circumstances. The CAIU will also take the lead on unexpected child deaths and incidents of child honour abuse.

### Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE)

The MACE team work to Safeguard children at risk of, or who are being exploited either criminally or sexually, therefore part of the team's focus is to work to combat sexual abuse through exploitation and the safeguarding measures that can contribute to that. The team comprises of staff and officers who work closely with partner agencies across Norfolk in a joint effort to reduce the dangers that young people are exposed to. Referrals come to the MACE after a risk screening process is undertaken in the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). The team are then responsible for building an active safeguarding plan, often formulated after engaging with the child and their parents/ carers. A number of methods are used to safeguard, but the team also seeks opportunities for enforcement against those posing the risk.