

Request reference: 5533\_14

**1. Does your force have specialists to analyse seized computers and if so, how many specialists do you have?**

There are 17 specialists who examine computers in relation to child abuse images and 12 specialists who examine mobile devices.

**2. If the computers are sent externally who are they sent to?**

CCL Group  
LGC Forensics

**3. The number of people charged with: take or to make indecent photographs or pseudo photographs of children / possession of an indecent or pseudo photograph of a child/ possessing prohibited images of children over the last year (April 2013 – March 2014).**

For the time period requested, there were 70 crimes cleared by way of charge.

The West Midlands Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information with regard to an exempt body as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case.

Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.