

REQUEST

- 1. Is the `STATEMENT/EVIDENCE LIST` page (which includes Witness Names, Statement Dates and Page ranges), automatically entered by system, or input individually by a person?**

Answer:

We interpreting your question as referring to MG9 SP – This form is auto populated from information from MG11 and also updated by the OIC from information contained from the rear of MG11 i.e. court availability.

- 2. Are the associated statement dates (in the IDPC) automatically entered;**
 - a. from the dates that appear on the actual MG11's?**
 - b. from the respective dates the MG11's are uploaded to Crimescan?**
 - c. from the dates that appear on the transcribed versions of the MG11's?**

Answer:

The date which appears on the MG11 is the actual date referred to.

Please be advised that the IDPC is prepared by Crown Prosecution Service.

In light of the above, it is possible that the CPS may hold some or all of the information you require. Details of how to submit an FOI request to them and where to direct it to can be found on the following web page:

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/foi/feedback.html>

- 3. Can the first IDCP issue (v1) sent to the defence, be wholly relied upon by the defence, as an accurate account of the MG11 dates?**

Answer:

As above, the CPS prepare and send IDPC.

- 4. Can statement dates be changed retrospectively (i.e. backdating a statement), and if so would it leave a residual `tamper-proof` audit trail?**

Answer:

No.

5. What are the minimum requirements for evidential 'chain of custody' ('collection/ seizure', 'entry into force detained property system', 'movements or access'), of any police-gathered evidence, up until it's exhibit at a trial?

Answer:

The Force records items taken for evidence on two systems. The first system is the Detained Property system that enables an officer to record the item and book it in with a unique reference number, called a seal number. The system provides an audit trail to evidence the continuity of that item whilst in our control. Because detained property seized for evidence is recorded by its seal number, we can only extract information based on that seal number. The Detained Property system deals with the majority of items taken for evidence with the exception of those seized as evidence in major crimes, like murder and those items are recorded on the HOLMES system.

6. With regards your answer to question 5, please list the essential force documents and/ or systems, that necessarily and absolutely need to mention the seized evidence (i.e. Investigator's Book, Process Book, Evidence Officer's Report, Crimes Portal, Holmes2, WC392, WC393, WC200, WC201, MG3, MG3A, MG5, MG6, MG12 etc).

Answer:

It depends on the nature of the evidence and what actions are taken whilst in our control but as stated above, all evidence is recorded on the Detained Property system or HOLMES, which provides an audit trail.