

Please could you answer the following questions below in relation to digital evidence and the retention of digital evidence in your force.

1) Does your force have a digital forensics unit or do you outsource?

- a) DF unit**
- b) Outsource**
- c) Both**

1C - Yes we have a DF Unit and also outsource as and when required.

2) Do you complete mandatory training on how to retain digital evidence?

- a) Yes**
- b) No**

2A – The DFU carry out mandatory training around the retention of digital evidence.

3) What retention guidance does your force follow for the retention of digital evidence?

- a) NPCC**
- b) MoPI**
- c) CPIA**
- d) Own retention policy**
- e) Other (please specify)**

3B&C – The DFU retention policy is in line with MoPI and CPIA.

4) How do you retain digital evidence?

- a) Keep the original exhibit**
- b) Keep the image/extraction/acquisition files from the exhibit**
- c) Keep on the reports**
- d) All of the above**
- e) a & b**
- f) b & c**
- g) Other (please specify)**

4G - The DFU will keep hold of reporting notes and pictures in cases where the exhibit has been deemed as NFA. Where the exhibit has been deemed as potentially evidential, the OIC will be instructed to retain the original device until instructed to return the device. The DFU in these circumstances will then retain the evidential forensic image, reporting notes and pictures in line with MoPI & CPIA.

5) How is the extraction of digital evidence stored?

- a) On a case hard drive**
- b) Sever/network**
- c) Other (please specify)**

5B – The DFU retain case data on a file server and storage.