

Available Intelligence checks

Intelligence forms can be submitted under S29(3) of the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998 (which covers prevention/detection of crime or apprehension/prosecution of offenders).

All Security Team staff

Equifax Credit check

(e-mail POL208 to Post Office Security)

Will identify links to addresses, associates, credit card applications, bank payments, credit card payments. No need for authorisation.

Vehicle check

(e-mail POL208 to Post Office Security)

Will identify vehicles owned by a suspect (submit a form for known vehicles and also to an address linked to a suspect).

Must be authorised by 3b grade or above.

Cannot be done retrospectively as an asset search for POCA proceedings

Land Registry check

(e-mail POL208 to Post Office Security)

Will assist in confirming the owner of known properties anywhere in England, Scotland, N Ireland. Countersignature not required.

POL210 – Inland Revenue check

Will identify Tax returns, interest on investments & provide a general financial overview of the named person.

In the 1st instance this form must be e-mailed to Post Office Security, who will log request and forward to Senior Manager for authority before processing.

PNC

(e-mail POL208 to Post Office Security)

Request for a check on individual for previous convictions.

Must be authorised by 3b grade or above.

Internet

the largest repository of information in the world and an excellent investigation tool (remember it leaves a 'footprint')

Various search engines Google, MSN, Yahoo

(one example led to a significant recovery where a previously unknown boating company was identified and which was owned by the suspect, which was found just by typing in the suspect's name !)

Financial Investigators only

Suspicious Activity Reports (SARS)

A SAR is a report of suspect money laundering related activity, which is recorded on the 'Elmer' database and which provides general intelligence, it is managed by SOCA, with access by FI's only. Information received via the SARS process is confidential and its origin must not be made known.

JARD (Joint Asset Recovery Database)

Access by Financial Investigators (FI's) only, will identify suspects who are (or who have been) subject of a previous money laundering or confiscation investigation

PN1 / CIT forms

(linked to Land Registry checks)

Will further assist in identifying unknown property owned by a suspect anywhere in England, Scotland, N Ireland. Only a Financial Investigator can complete these forms