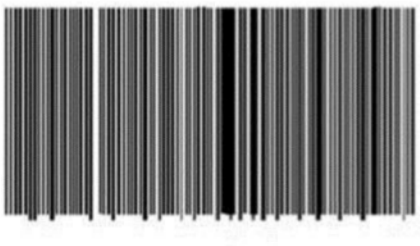
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FDHC Investigative Requirement

From SoR:

This SON specifies the requirement to provide the technical infrastucture, equipment, training and support to enable Operation NORTHMOOR to conduct a prompt and effective investigation into historic allegations of abuse and ill-treatment of Afghan nationals during the Op HERRICK campaign. Op NORTHMOOR is a complex and protracted Service Police investigation which potentially has an impact across the whole of defence. The volume of data and material to be recovered, sifted and reviewed from one location alone is circa 6 TB. The complete volume of data to be recovered during the investigation cannot be quantified at this time. Initial enquiries have already confirmed this task cannot be completed manually without causing a substantial delay to the investigation or a severe risk of missing valuable information through human error.

From BC:

There is a requirement for the provision of an independent, stand alone scientific system used to process and review forensic electronic/digital evidence as part of an enduring Major Incident Unit (MIU) for the Service Police (SP) to be able to meet its statutory obligations (Ref A) to undertake European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) compliant [of the necessary classification] **complex investigations comprising of a Major Incident Room (MIR), digital forensic capability and a review suite for use by the RMP[1] within the UK.** This requirement is not only required for the legislative reasons at Ref A but also because there is [a limit to the operational capability] which could complete the task required. This will involve the exploitation of many different types of digital media including hard disk drives, CD, DVD, CD ROM, USB, paper documents requiring scanning, which will be forensically[2] ingested into the system and reviewed for investigative relevance and then produced in an evidential format. This is a large scale operation initially encompassing approximately [NG] digital storage devices and a yet to be determined number of paper exhibits. This capability will provide RMP and potentially the wider SP with an enduring digital forensic capability to investgate complex criminal investigations or other major incidents involving the military, whether operationally related or during peace time activities. This is necessary to support and progress a large number of current criminal investigations and to support the MOD in the current legal challenge of Public Inquiries (PIs), Judicial Reviews (JRs) and Personal Injury claims. The requirement is for the RMP to be equipped with a bespoke independent, stand alone scientific forensic system to:

The system must:

- Ensure the forensic evidential integrity of all relevant data from the point of collection to dissemination and archive using digital forensic tools that meet ACPO standards relating to the processing of all forms of electronic data;

- Enable the forensic import of all forms of data (including deleted, fragmented, corrupted, and encrypted files together with any associated metadata) onto a high speed forensic data storage facility;

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[1] RMP for Op NORTHMOOR

[Details of digitial interface]

- Enable forensic shortage up to [redacted];

- Enable a team of 85 analysts and investigators (with a surge capacity up to 120) to:
    - Conduct simultaneous detailed complex keyword searches across a data set
    - Identify duplicate documents;
    - Preview documents and mark them as to their relevance for later review by a senior investigating officer;
    - Produce electronic evidence from the forensically recovered data in accordance with ACPO guidelines.
- Enable the disclosure of relevant material to a standard that meets the provisions of both the Criminal Procedure & Investigations Act 1996 and part 31 of the Civil Procedure Rules for England and wales.
- Following our experience of the allegations made in Iraq, the decision was made to try and collect all relevant devices relevant to conflict in Afghanistan. Therefore whilst the work is initially for Northmoor it preserves the forensic integrity of evidence for the whole campaign.

Details of the purchasing and delivery process as well as the price breakdowns to obtain the necessary equipment for the investigation. The issues post procurement are set out including affordability and that by 2017, the FDHC was no longer required

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The FDHC was an IT system specifically procured to support Op NORTHMOOR. Given the cost[3] the original procurement was subject to significant scrutiny within the MOD and subsequent Cabinet Office approval. Although the system was delivered to Op NORTHMOOR in 2016, and at the time complemented the investigation strategy, subject to previous independent advice, the strategy has since been revised. Therefore the capability that the FDHC was designed to provide is now deemed no longer required.

Despite this the FDHC equipment still remains, in the most part, useable. Indeed some elements of the system have already been reallocated to other IT systems supporting both Op NORTHMOOR and the Service Police Legacy Investigations team. As a result of a 100% stocktake the RMP have an understanding on what we have, what we can reuse and what we may have to write off. The RMP have already been in discussion with HQ Army concerning the repurposing of the major proportion of the system. Given the impact this decision may have on the wider Op NORTHMOOR narrative and acknowledging the risk of both internal and external challenge this issue will be subject to separate advice to MIN(AF) in the New Year.

[3] FDHC procurement inc VAT 7.5M.