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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2039
Date: 20th October 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Thank you for your invitation to submit a new request because more information became available as they worsened the community creating a hostile environment in August/September twenty twenty two

You said regarding recorded information

Should you wish to submit an FOI request please email foi@scotland.police.uk with a clear description of the recorded information sought.

The role of Police Officer reporting to Police Sergeant and Police Sergeant to Chief Constable

To request under Equality Legislation and Public Sector Equality Duty - Fostering good relations and measurable outcomes

How many emails were sent which included

Contactus contactus@scotland.pnn.police.uk

C3 Division Service Centre Edinburgh

C3DivisionServiceCentreEdinburgh@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Any Police Sergeant @scotland.pnn.police.uk

And Chief Constable @scotland.pnn.police.uk

In regards to what we are calling as citizens 'give them opportunity to put it right Vs they haven't put it right '

Concerns about a certain venue which we called xxxxxx course of justice/ and how they went from door slamming purposeful and loud music when unsuitable for music events due to inadequate soundproofing and close proximity to residents homes to what we called

Creating a hostile environment on residents doorsteps and shouting out about shows

Not leaving quietly and generally

What we relayed to officials as their purposeful harrasment

May twenty twenty two June twenty twenty two July twenty twenty

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We can now add August twenty twenty two

And as currently Unresolved September twenty twenty two

To request if any emails included

Environmental Assessment environmentalassessment@edinburgh.gov.uk

We are requesting recorded information by PS at the addresses above and all reference numbers

You then sent a further email as follows:

Thank you for your interest in providing an appropriate response

The recorded information we request is as follows

Contact us is a police Scotland email address

And

C3 division service centre Edinburgh is an email address

And police sergeant have email addresses

And Chief Constable has email address

What we want to know is

What was relayed to any of the addresses which could have led to less impact on quality of life for people living in the area

Before people living in the area became harmed by the hostile takeover

So what was relayed to Contact us etc Regarding

What was called - xxxxxxxx venue xxxxxx course of justice

For example

Inadequate soundproofing

Shouting out by staff and patrons

People not leaving quietly

Their failure to address concerns raised and mitigate was reported as their

Purposeful harassment

The information recorded by witnesses relayed to police Scotland IE fostering good relationships

Equality Legislation and outcome measures

So we need all recordable information received by police Scotland

For example a police officer reported to sergeant and sergeant to Chief Constable

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In a request sent to us in July (22-1570) you asked the following:

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Concerns about assembly Venue Perverting course of justice/ and/ or loud music and door slamming incidents and what was relayed as harrasment by assembly Venue in

May twenty twenty two June twenty twenty two July twenty twenty

To request if any emails included

Environmental Assessment environmentalassessment@edinburgh.gov.uk

Whilst not identical to this new request to the extent that I would invoke section 14(2) of the Act (repeated request) it is clearly substantially similar in content.

I would therefore largely reiterate our previous response:

Our interpretation of your request above is that you are seeking to be provided with the number of emails held by Police Scotland which meet the following criteria:

- They 'include' - which we are presuming means as a sender or recipient - any Police Scotland Sergeant (of which there are around 2,500), the Chief Constable, our 'contact us' mailbox, or our 'C3 Division Service Centre Edinburgh' mailbox.
- They were sent or received in the period May - September 2022
- They reference in some way 'In regards to what we are calling as citizens 'give them opportunity to put it right Vs they haven't put it right. Concerns about 'a certain venue' [perverting?] course of justice/ and/ or loud music / slamming doors/ shouting etc

You are thereafter seeking a second number, how many 'included' - which we are presuming means as a sender or recipient - environmentalassessment@edinburgh.gov.uk On that basis, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

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As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

To explain, we are unable to carry out a universal search of all force email accounts and storage locations (where emails could be saved), meaning we would have to search each area individually. Given the number of individuals and therefore potential locations mentioned in your request, that alone would engage the cost exemption almost immediately.

Furthermore, I would stress that it is not wholly clear what search terms we could use, even were it possible to conduct a search, which would return records of relevance to your request, given the highly specific criteria set out. I note in particular that you appear to have deliberately not included a location for this second request.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.