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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1570
Date: 11 August 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.

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 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

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 - July 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 assembly Venue Perverting course of justice/ and/ or loud music and door slamming incidents and what was relayed as harassment by assembly Venue'*

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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.

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.

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.