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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0670
Date: 8th April 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.

1. Have there been any reported and documented incidents of harassment, intimidation or public disorder, associated with either pro-life prayer vigil groups or pro-choice groups, outside or in and around Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, 2A Chalmers Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9HQ, between 01 September 2021 and 28 February 2022

2. Full details of every incident; including the date, time and specific location in which any such incident occurred; the name of the individual/group reporting an incident; details of any group or organisation the reporting individual belonged to; full details of any incident including any action required following the incident and the final outcome

In response to your questions above I can advise that between 1 September 2021 and 28 February 2022, there are two recorded incidents that *potentially* meet the terms of your request.

28 September 2021 - 11:44

Caller described as a pro-choice protestor (no 'group' affiliation recorded) reported that there were pro-life anti-abortion protestors (no 'group' affiliation recorded) outside the clinic with signs breaking bylaws because they are less than 100m from the clinic.

Caller was advised that there were no bylaws preventing protest - no police attendance.

28 October 2021 - 12:08

Caller (member of the public - not recorded as a protestor or member of any 'group') reported persons outside locus who seemed to be protesting. Caller phoned due to recent headlines about changes to laws for protesting. Caller was spoken to - no police attendance.

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.

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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.pnn.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.