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**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.

**In regards to a specific public location within Edinburgh, we should like to see all available documentation which led to movement of a Shed belonging to a volunteer group being moved in 2022 with specific reference to the following points:-**

- **Who originally proposed the removal of the shed?**

I can confirm the move of the shed was arranged by the department of the City of Edinburgh Council responsible for this particular area. As additional context, we have been advised that this is to an area they believe is better suited.

- **Who originally proposed that Police supervision was required?**

A police presence was requested by the same department of the City of Edinburgh Council.

- **Why does it seem that no steps are being taken to address the root cause of the problem at the Main Gate, instead of wasting public funds and resources, insulting the volunteer group and alienating the neighbourhood, etc?**

There has been continual police intervention relating to the ongoing issues regarding the public location, and all issues have been treated with fairness and impartiality.

**Additionally, we should like to know why a simple request to receive in writing a statement already made verbally, that all complaints of assault, harassment and other alleged criminal activity will be investigated, has been ignored – three times.**

Police will make enquiry into reports of criminality, harassment and other criminal activity, as part of their core duty.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.