



Freedom of Information Unit
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Dear Ms Krueckeberg,

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by this office. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. What practical procedure/s does your force have in place to ensure the review and or deletion of custody images after 6 years?**
- 2. If there is a procedure in place, how many images have been deleted as the result of a periodic review (rather than following an individual's application for deletion)?**
- 3. How many images on your custody image database are of unconvicted persons?**
- 4. Since February 2017, how much has your force spent on the deletion of custody images of unconvicted people?**

I can confirm that Dorset Police holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, it is estimated that to locate, retrieve and extract the specific information is likely to take longer than 18 hours.

The time period of 18 hours is considered the 'appropriate limit', as per section 12(3), to the amount of time/money spent on one individual request under the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. Therefore, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

In accordance with section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Force is not obliged to respond to your request and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for your request.

The following explanation as to why your request engages section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been provided to assist you:

We cannot guarantee an image recorded is of an unconvicted person without going through and looking at the person's history to see whether or not they had been convicted prior to that image. A custody image may be taken of a person not

convicted but who has a background of convictions. This, and the fact some custody images will be in relation to crimes where an outcome has not been assigned and no prosecution has taken place, means that drawing an accurate picture for question 3 is not possible within the 18 working hours.

If you would like to make a new request, which narrows the scope of your current request, we may be able to comply with that request within the appropriate limit. Should you wish to discuss how to refine your request, please contact this Unit and we will be happy to assist.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please contact me quoting my reference number as above.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Fitzgerald
Alliance Freedom of Information Officer



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Complaints

Dorset Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. If you decide to request such a review you should address your request within 40 working days to:

The Head of Alliance Information Management, Police Headquarters, Middlemoor, Exeter, Devon, EX2 7HQ or email: foi@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk .

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your Force complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner at Commissioner's Officer, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 545700.