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Our ref: HC/000556/18
Your ref:

Dear [Redacted]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST HC/000556/18

I write in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information request submitted on 5th March 2018, Hampshire Constabulary has now considered this request, which has been repeated below and have responded accordingly.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	<p>Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information in a retrievable format. The cost of determining if the information is held, locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.</p> <p>In order to determine the information for point 3 of your request, an extensive manual review would be required within the custody system. Every single custody record recorded would have to be individually interrogated to determine the disposal for the detainee and if that individual had ben recorded as No Further Action. Of these, further review would need to be undertaken to determine if the custody photograph had been retained. This would involve the interrogation of hundreds of</p>
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thousands of records, exceeding the cost limit under FOI.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing down the search parameters – for example, allowing a small number of custody records such as 10, selected at random to be reviewed, thereby significantly reducing the number of records that would need to be manually searched to retrieve the information you are seeking.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, if one element of a request exceeds the statutory cost limit, the whole request may be refused on grounds of cost. As such, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of your whole request. This does not, however, preclude us from supplying some information that is relevant to your request as a gesture of assistance and with this in mind we have provided some information below.

Information Provided

Although excess cost removes the force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have supplied some information below, relative to your request. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Guidance is published as follows:

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/information-management/management-of-police-information/retention-review-and-disposal-of-police-information/>

Information for points 2 and 4 of your request is not held by Hampshire Constabulary.



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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the Public Access office at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, via telephone on 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745 or at the website www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely


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