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Our Reference 323/17
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Dear Ms Krueckeberg

I write in connection with your request for information dated 5th March 2018 under the Freedom of Information Act.

Specifically you asked:

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?*

Our response:

Your request has been considered and I regret to advise you that your request is refused because we estimate that the cost of retrieving the requested information would exceed the cost limits under the Act which is currently set at £450 or 18 staff hours work. This letter represents a Refusal Notice under the Act.

This is because the information requested in question 3 is not centrally recorded and would involve an extensive search of our files to find and collate it. Each custody record would need to be manually reviewed to ascertain if the detainee had any convictions. We currently hold approximately 42,000 custody records. Excluding any duplicate records (any individuals who were arrested more than once) it is estimated that it would take considerably longer than 18 hours to comply with your request.

If you were to refine your request, we may be able to provide you with some of the information you require. This can be done by omitting question 3 from your request.

Yours sincerely



Freedom of Information Officer

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Please note:

1. Requests and responses may be published on Avon and Somerset Constabulary's website (within 24 hours), some of which may contain a link to additional information, which may provide you with further clarification.
2. Whilst we may verbally discuss your request with you in order to seek clarification, all other communication should be made in writing.
3. Avon and Somerset Constabulary provides you with the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure (copy attached).

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