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NORTH WALES POLICE
A safer North Wales

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2018/230 – Custody Images

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. 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.

1. What practical procedure/s does your force have in place to ensure the review and or deletion of custody images after 6 years?

We are awaiting the creation and delivery of a disposal solution, which when it becomes available will allow us to automatically delete relevant records after a clear 6 year period, in the meantime as a force we do not delete any records unless we get a direct request and the record is suitable for deletion.

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)?

Recent guidance has arrived which allows people to apply for the disposal of a custody image taken following the arrest for an offence for which they were not charged or acquitted. However, there is no requirement for a 6 year period to pass before this action can be undertaken, so this falls outside of Q1, but we have deleted three custody images in response to requests.

3. How many images on your custody image database are of unconvicted persons?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each custody record where the arrested person was neither charged nor given an alternative out of court disposal. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

4. Since February 2017, how much has your force spent on the deletion of custody images of unconvicted people?

North Wales Police do not record how much it costs to delete images.