



STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

FOI ref no: 9204

15 March 2018

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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: reference 9204, first notified to us by email on 5 March 2018.

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, detailed below.

- 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?*

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

I can confirm Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

On behalf of Staffordshire Police I wish to advise you that whilst I can confirm that Staffordshire Police does hold the information requested, the force claims the provision under Section 12(1) of the Act (where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit). 'Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

To determine whether any individual, who has been placed in police custody, has been subsequently convicted of an offence would require viewing all custody records for which an image has been recorded. These records would then require cross referencing with further systems to ascertain whether each individual had been convicted. For

2017 alone there have been in excess of 17,000 custody records created, at a research rate of 2 minutes per record it would require more than 566 hours to extract the data requested. This would exceed the time and cost threshold prescribed by the Act, as outlined above.

In order to assist you to refine your request I would be able to provide an answer to Q1 & 2. However, this answer would be that there is no facility within our current custody management system which would allow for the review and deletion of custody images.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this email and should be submitted to the address below:

Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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