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Your Ref:

Our Ref: 0816/2009

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Dear Lord McDowall

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0816/2009

I refer to your correspondence of 13 October 2009, which was received by Strathclyde Police on the same date.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can advise you that Strathclyde Police does not hold any of the information requested by you. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

Force policies are currently recorded and available for viewing on our website at <http://www.strathclyde.police.uk/index.asp?locID=535&docID=463>, however we do not have a formal policy on this specific matter. There is no formal application process either and individuals or organisations should write to the relevant Divisional Commander or Head of Department; for example Head of Corporate Communications (media) as appropriate, seeking permission to accompany the police on operational duties and the reasons for doing so.

Any likely permission to accompany police on operational duties would be risk assessed by the force on a case by case basis taking into account relevant factors such as date, time, location, event, the individual concerned, likelihood of disorder etc. Depending on the level and type of involvement a risk assessment carried out and submitted by the requesting party will also be required. Assurances on other matters such as insurance, force access to recorded material, indemnity, confidentiality etc, will also have to be formally agreed, again, on a case by case basis.

I hope this information is helpful, however, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to Mrs Sheena Brennan, Disclosure Manager at the above address within 40 working days of receiving this letter. Once informed of the Review Panel's decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610.

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I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Strathclyde Police. Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0141 435 1205 quoting the reference number given.

Yours Sincerely

Inspector Graeme Cuthbertson
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