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Date: 22 December, 2008

Mr N. Henderson
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Dear Mr. Henderson,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: F-2008-00424

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24 October, 2008 which was received by Warwickshire Police on 27 October, 2008, in which you seek access to the following information.

[1a] the total number of homophobic hate crimes reported to you in the last year

[b] the last three years

[2a] the total number of those hate crimes that were reported to the Crown Prosecution Service in the last year

[b] the last three years.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Warwickshire Police to locate information relevant to your request. Please find below the response.

Q1. The figures are detailed below by calendar years

2007 = 32
2006 = 26
2005 = 31

2008 to 30/9 is 17.

Q2. This information is not centrally recorded for reporting purposes and is therefore not readily identifiable. A manual search of the 106 records identified would be required to extract the information requested. This would involve a disproportionate amount of effort, which would take us over the fees limit (£450) as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. An estimate of the cost involved is £662.50. This has been calculated as

follows: 106 @ 15 minutes per file (minimum, to locate, retrieve and read through) = 26.5 hours @ £25 per hour = £662.50.

In accordance with Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please treat this letter as the Refusal Notice I am required to provide to you in respect of this element of your request.

Statistical data relating to this element of your request may be held by the Crown Prosecution Service. Their contact details are:

CPS Warwickshire
Rossmore House
10 Newbold Terrace
Leamington Spa
Warwickshire
CV32 4EA

Appeal Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of appeal.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SHarris', written in a cursive style.

Sabina Harris
Information Compliance Officer



WARWICKSHIRE POLICE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEALS PROCEDURE

This appeals procedure is issued in accordance with paragraph 36 of the Lord Chancellor's Freedom of Information Access Code of Practice.

Appeal Notification

When a Freedom of Information (FOI) applicant, who has made a request for information, is dissatisfied with the response received from Warwickshire Police, the FOI applicant should inform Warwickshire Police in writing (this may be by email) of the reasons why the response is deemed unsatisfactory.

Should a person who feels that Warwickshire Police is not complying with its Publication Scheme, the person should inform Warwickshire Police in writing (this may be by email) of the reasons for their dissatisfaction.

Action by Warwickshire Police

When a dissatisfaction report is received, the circumstances of the dispute will be reviewed initially by the Decision Makers in the Freedom of Information Office.

If the Decision Makers are unable to resolve the dispute with the FOI applicant, the dispute will be referred to a Board comprising a Head of Department and a Chief Officer. The Board will not have been involved in the original decision making process to compile the response.

The Board will consider the dispute and will advise the FOI applicant of their decision as soon as practicable but within 60 working days.

Further Action by FOI Applicant

If the FOI applicant remains dissatisfied with the Warwickshire Police response, they then have the option to refer the case to the Information Commissioner.