



2 April 2018

By email to: [request-471282-3bf9cd45@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-471282-3bf9cd45@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Mr Parker

I refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 14 March 2018 about internet filtering.

Details of any exemptions applied are below. Where any information is “not held”, this is explained below. Those parts of the University’s response (together with the details of how to ask the University to review the management of your request, or thereafter to seek a review by the Scottish Information Commissioner, should you wish to do so – please see below) constitutes the notice in writing that the information specified is not held by the University which is required under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“FOISA”).

Your enquiry and the University’s response.

Please see [appendix](#).

This concludes the University’s response.

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with our response or our reasoning set out above, you have 40 working days in which to require a review of our decision. Any such request should be put in writing and should be sent to the University Secretary, Abertay University, at the address provided below. The request should:

- (a) detail your request for a review of our decision to be undertaken
- (b) describe the nature of your original request
- (c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response

University Secretary  
Abertay University  
Bell Street  
Dundee  
DD1 1HD  
Tel (01382) 308016

E-mail: [S.Stewart@abertay.ac.uk](mailto:S.Stewart@abertay.ac.uk)

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with, you also have the right, in terms of section 47 of FOISA, and within 6 months, to apply to the Scottish

Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether we have handled your request properly.

Information relating to your right to seek review is available from the Scottish Information Commissioner's website:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info>

or by contacting the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Scottish Information Commissioner,  
Kinburn Castle,  
Doubledykes Road, St Andrews,  
Fife KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

E-mail: <mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info>

Website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info>

Or via the SIC's online appeals service:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

If you are unhappy with the Commissioner's decision, you also have the right to appeal further to the Court of Session, on a point of law only, under section 56 of FOISA. Please refer to the Commissioner's website (details above) for further information about your right of appeal to the Court of Session.

Yours sincerely,

*FOI Processing*

Academic Registry  
Abertay University

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## Appendix

I am writing as a research volunteer at the Open Rights Group. We are conducting a study to better understand filtering and blocking of websites on the public estate, to understand what content and sites are inaccessible and why.

We would like to know, in relation to your publicly accessible Internet networks, or Internet networks for your clients:

1. The categories of content blocked or filtered, e.g.:

(a) Security or Malware

Yes, we block for both these reasons.

(b) Content types, eg adult, alcohol etc

Nudity, Adult content, Sex, P2P file sharing, elevated exposure, emerging threats, suspicious content, Gambling, Proxy avoidance, Intolerance, parked domains, advertisements, Malicious, spyware, phishing, fraud, keyloggers, botnets, malware, C&C, compromised, potentially unwanted software, private IP addresses.

2. Statistics relating to the requests blocked or filtered, eg how many site requests filtered or blocked per category

Please refer to accompanying pdf.

3. Monitoring requirements you have for users, eg if you record or may record their Internet usage

The University logs up to 90-days of Internet traffic usage.

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