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19 November 2018

Our ref: FOI 2018/271

Dear Mr Quinn,

Request for Information under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 22 October 2018 requesting the following information:

- 1. Your Prevent action plan or any document that outlines your institution's Prevent policy in line with your obligations under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015**
- 2. Confirm if students, researchers and members of staff are obliged to register research which is deemed to be security sensitive**
- 3. If such a register exists, the number of entries for each of the years 2018 (up to the date of this request), 2017, 2016 and 2015. By entries, I mean occasions on which individuals have registered research which falls into the category set out in bullet point 2. If possible, please identify the nature of the research (eg PhD, internally funded, externally funded) and topic**
- 4. If such a register exists, confirm whether or not it is stored onsite or on an external server.**
- 5. If such a register exists, confirm whether the register is subject to any information sharing agreements with external partners or agencies including local and regional Prevent coordinators, the Home Office, the local Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit, the local police or any other law enforcement agencies**
- 6. A list of any agreements, arrangements or Memorandums of Understanding between your institution and bodies such as the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), the Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU) of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), or Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU) of the City of London Police, to receive lists of illegal or illicit content, for instance for the purposes of blocking.**
- 7. Confirm if any filtering or blocking service that your institution uses incorporate lists from the IWF, CTIRU or PIPCU, and which lists are incorporated;**

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University's response

- 1. Your Prevent action plan or any document that outlines your institution's Prevent policy in line with your obligations under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015**

In meeting compliance requirements under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 the University implements the guidance in the "Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 Good Practice Guide" prepared by the Higher Education Prevent Working Group in June 2015. The Group was established by the Scottish University Secretaries in February 2015 with a remit to develop guidance to assist the Scottish universities in meeting their statutory duty and be a forum for sharing good practice.

- 2. Confirm if students, researchers and members of staff are obliged to register research which is deemed to be security sensitive**

In complying with the Counter Terrorism Act the University has a responsibility to consider this aspect. A policy is currently under development within the Scottish Higher Education Prevent Working Group that will provide guidance on security sensitive research material. The University does not hold a register.

- 3. If such a register exists, the number of entries for each of the years 2018 (up to the date of this request), 2017, 2016 and 2015. By entries, I mean occasions on which individuals have registered research which falls into the category set out in bullet point 2. If possible, please identify the nature of the research (eg PhD, internally funded, externally funded) and topic**

The University does not have a central register.

- 4. If such a register exists, confirm whether or not it is stored onsite or on an external server.**

Not applicable.

- 5. If such a register exists, confirm whether the register is subject to any information sharing agreements with external partners or agencies including local and regional Prevent coordinators, the Home Office, the local Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit, the local police or any other law enforcement agencies**

Not applicable.

- 6. A list of any agreements, arrangements or Memorandums of Understanding between your institution and bodies such as the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), the Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU) of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), or Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU) of the City of London Police, to receive lists of illegal or illicit content, for instance for the purposes of blocking.**

There are no agreements currently in place in the University.

- 7. Confirm if any filtering or blocking service that your institution uses incorporate lists from the IWF, CTIRU or PIPCU, and which lists are incorporated;**

Not applicable.

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Yours sincerely,

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