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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
SUBJECT: Child Abuse Image Database (CAID)

I refer to your email dated 10th January 2015, regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

I have repeated your request below for ease of reference;

Please note; the cost figures given are the most up to date and the formula currently in use for splitting costs is on an even split between the 46 participating forces (England and Wales, PSNI, Police Scotland and NCA-CEOP). The costs given in question 3 are for the central CAID solution and do not include any local force costs (hardware and setting up the connection etc.)

1. Does your force intend to purchase and install CAID?

Yes, Police Scotland intends to purchase and deploy CAID across the Country.

2. When do you expect CAID to become operational in your force area?

It is intended to deploy the solution during the third quarter of 2015.

3. What are the total start up costs of CAID? (includes initial capital and service costs)?

A technical specification unique to Police Scotland is currently being developed, as such costs are not known at this time. Therefore, data cannot be considered for disclosure as it is not held in terms of section 17 (1) (b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – information not held.

However, according to information provided to us by the Home Office, the initial costs to forces for CAID will be £49,500 per force (currently 46 in total). This represents a full cost recovery of all project management costs for 2014/15 and 2015/16 (£2,277,000) to be collected in the 2015/16 financial year.

At this point in time, the known service costs for the year 2016/17 are £810,402 which will be divided amongst all partner organisations (£17,618 per force). This figure will only change due to the Disaster Recovery solution currently being agreed with law enforcement. Charges to forces for the following year 2016/17 will be notified by Oct 2015 but forces have been advised to set aside £20-25k which would include a Disaster Recovery solution.

The total cost of the project over three years (excluding connection costs) is £3.3million (not including any additional costs for disaster recovery hardware/hosting).

4. What do you anticipate will be the annual running costs of CAID year on year?

To date, there has been no verification of the annual running costs per year and as such, this information data cannot be considered for disclosure as it is not held in terms of section 17 (1) (b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – information not held.

However, as above, the Home office were able to provide the following information to us.

The cost for the first two years will be £49.5k (£24.75k pa) with a reduced figure in year three. The CAID business case projected savings to policing of £7.474 million by March 2017 through reduction of the time that officers will spend grading images.

5. Does your force/will your force have a dedicated Victim Identification officer assigned to CAID?

As part of the training programme running alongside the introduction of the CAID, the College of Policing in conjunction with NCA - CEOP is providing victim identification training to representatives from each police force. Forces

will decide what level of resourcing they wish to dedicate towards victim identification thereafter.

Responsibility in this area currently sits with our Cybercrime Operations Team in the East or Public Protection Units across the North and West of the Force and there are currently no plans to deploy a dedicated to Victim Identification Officer within the Force.

I trust that the information available is of assistance and should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me on (01224) 305740 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance and within 40 working days of receiving this letter to request a review of the decision made by the Service. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH. (Or email foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

Once informed of the review decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. The contact details are: Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610. Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely,

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