

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2018-0888  
Date: 12 June 2018



## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Furthermore, I refer to your correspondence 6 June 2018. I note your request for a review concerning the failure to provide a response within the statutory timescale outlined within the Act.

Consequently, I write to confirm that a decision has now been made, and following your request, please acknowledge this as a response under Section 21 (4) (c) – (Review by Scottish Public Authority).

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**Under the Freedom of Information Act please advise the following:**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16129720.Haghill\\_gang\\_80k CCTV installed and cops given new weapons to combat pack of hyenas /](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16129720.Haghill_gang_80k_CCTV_installed_and_cops_given_new_weapons_to_combat_pack_of_hyenas/)

**With regards to the above article:**

- 1) Please advise the type of 'incidents' that would alert police.**
- 2) Please advise which facial reference database is being used for the facial recognition ability and the source of the photographs?**
- 3) Please advise if Police Scotland are providing any images for the facial reference database.**
- 4) Please advise the criteria that would make someone a person of interest. Please provide any documents on this.**
- 5) Please advise the criteria that would enable a decision to 'track' a person of interest. Please provide any documents on this.**
- 6) Please advise the name of the school**
- 7) How many handheld devices have been supplied to Police Scotland and how many hand held devices are in use at one time.**
- 8) How many static/fixed cameras are there with facial recognition and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) enabled.**
- 9) How long are video images kept?**

- 10) Is facial recognition used in real time or retrospectively, i.e. not in real time?**
- 11) What access does Police Scotland have to the Milnbank Housing offices that have the surveillance data from the cameras and hand held devices?**
- 12) Are there transfers of images or video to Police Scotland from Milnbank Housing Association?**
- 13) How many arrests were the original 50 cameras responsible for and how many of those arrests resulted in a conviction. Please list by year for the past 5 years.**
- 14) Please provide the Privacy Impact Assessment for the use of the hand held devices that are running facial recognition and ANPR.**
- 15) Please advise the supplier and the software used for the AFR and ANPR hand held devices.**
- 16) Please provide copies of minutes of meetings, emails any text based communication, where the use of facial recognition and ANPR technology, with regards to the above article, was discussed.**

Your request for information has been considered and I can advise that Police Scotland 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.

By way of explanation, the CCTV system, cameras and hand held devices quoted in the press article referred by you is owned and maintained by Milnbank House Association (MHA). Police Scotland Officers are currently awaiting MHA to provide hand held mobile devices and when received will enable officers to view footage from MHA CCTV cameras directly and, therefore, reduce the time required by officers to attend MHA premises to view footage as part of an ongoing investigation. No information from police systems will be shared with MHA.

Housing Associations are not covered by Freedom of Information legislation, however, if you were to contact them at the address below and they may be available to provide some of the information requested.

Milnbank Housing Association  
53 Ballindalloch Drive  
Glasgow  
G31 3DQ

Email: [admin@milnbank.org.uk](mailto:admin@milnbank.org.uk)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Glasgow on 01786 895867 quoting the reference number.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your review has been dealt with, you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can raise an appeal using the online service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal) or by writing to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St

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Andrews, Fife. KY16 9DS, or via email at [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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