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Dear Ms McIntyre,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REF: COL/16/1022

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th October 2016 in which you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request

- a) the total number of dispersal zones which City of London Police has declared under Section 35 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act between January and October 2016 , or the most recent figures on record b)the number of dispersal zones in the same period in which “prostitution” was at least one of the reasons why the zone was declared c)the number of dispersal orders issued to individuals in the same period by the City of London Police during this period, broken down by month***

Information relating dispersal zones is not held but is contained in hundreds of records. In order to extract this information it would be necessary to examine each record manually, to gather the information and that it would take at least 10minutes to examine each record. The cost of completing this work would exceed the limit prescribed by the Secretary of State in accordance with powers contained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. The limit is currently set at £450 and the hourly rate is set at £25. The guidance of the Information Commissioner's Office is that once one part of the request exceeds the statutory limit, the whole request should be regarded as over cost and the work has not therefore been done. Please contact me if you wish to refine the request to bring it within the cost threshold.

Should you have any further questions regarding your request, please contact me via e-mail, letter or telephone, quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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