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Our Ref: 0733/2011

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Dear Mr McGartland

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS and SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE

I refer to your numerous emails on the subject of the ongoing investigation by Northumbria Police and to your subsequent requests for information, clarification or re-submission of responses between the 21st of June 2011 and the 1st of October 2011. I also refer to your telephone conversations with my colleagues, most recently on 30 September 2011.

In particular I write to address your most recent emails of 1 October 2011 again seeking resubmission of information already supplied and for further information regarding your original request, viz: *'Can you please confirm if a signed certificate by member of the Scottish Executive was requested and or granted/issued regards any of the request I have made?'*

Despite our best efforts to be of assistance on what is essentially and manifestly a personal matter, your numerous emails repeating issues, reciting correspondence you have already received, our documented position on public disclosure of information relating to this investigation, time spent in responding to you and now the personal level of comment you have begun to make is most concerning.

It is therefore with regret that I feel it necessary now to issue you with a Section 14 (1) notice advising you that I consider your request and future requests on the same subject matter to be vexatious on the grounds that they impose a significant burden, are designed to cause disruption, and are obsessive and manifestly unreasonable. This would be applicable to all requests from you or other requesters seeking information about you or any issues surrounding or directly related to the on going criminal investigation and related matters.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to Mrs Sheena Brennan, Disclosure Manager at the above address within 40 working days of receiving this letter. Once informed of the Review Panel's decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are;

Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610. There is a further right of appeal to the Court of Session thereafter.

Yours sincerely

Inspector Graeme Cuthbertson
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