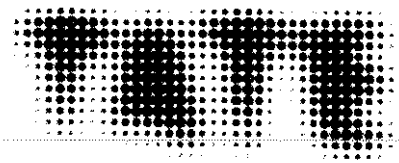


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7 March 2018

To: B Mihall

Sent via email to: request-460939-85c2ed9f@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear B Mihall

Freedom of Information Request – Tate Ref: 704

I write in response to the request that you made to Tate under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on 30 January 2018.

You requested the following:

Dear The Tate Gallery,

Please provide me with statistics in relation to incidents between 1/1/17 and 31/12/17 where police were called to the museum and/or perimeter

Also the categorisation of such incidents eg, theft, damage, disorder, etc

On 7 February I wrote to you to clarify if you required information on all four Tate sites and you confirmed that you sought information in relation to the London sites only. Under the Act, the public authority is permitted to recalculate the deadline for response from the date of clarification and we confirmed to you that we would respond by the new deadline of 7 March 2018.

The information you seek is stored in a daily log book along with other general incidents occurring on gallery premises. I have been informed by Tate's Head of Safety and Security that it would take a considerable amount of time to go through the daily log books across both London sites for the period in question. All entries to the log books are entered by hand and are not electronically or centrally recorded and therefore, it would take staff in excess of 18 hours to locate and retrieve such information pertaining solely to police incidents at the museum. I should advise that any issue that is a criminal matter would be referred by Tate to the local police and consequently would be handled and recorded by them.

Tate's Freedom of Information Group has carefully considered your request and has concluded that the work required to locate and extract the information requested would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as outlined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The 'appropriate limit' is defined as 18 hours. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, section 1(1) *'does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the*

appropriate limit'. Regrettably therefore, we are unable to provide information relating to the first part of your request as the combined time taken in locating and retrieving the precise information you seek from a large volume of records would exceed this limit. As such, this information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to section 12 of FOIA, the full text of this exemption can be found at the appendix to this letter.

We do not hold information on incidents where police have been called to the perimeter of either Tate Britain or Tate Modern during the period in question and would instead refer you to the website for the Metropolitan Police for relevant data on their crime map.

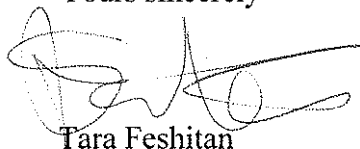
If you are not satisfied with this response to your request for information, you may seek an internal review of this response by replying in writing to this letter. Tate will respond to your request for a review within 20 working days of the receipt of your request.

If you remain dissatisfied with Tate's response following an internal review, you may seek an independent adjudication on the matter from the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Or you may telephone on:
Tel: 01625 545 745

Yours sincerely



Tara Feshitan
On behalf of the Tate Freedom of Information Group

Appendix

Section 12

Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

(2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.

(3) In subsections (1) and (2) "the appropriate limit" means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.

(4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—

(a) by one person, or

(b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign,

the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.

(5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated.