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Peter Eckersley

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Dear Mr Eckersley,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REF: COL/15/1072

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21 November 2015 in which you seek access to the following information:

RE : "ACTION FRAUD - the national fraud and internet crime reporting point is part of the City of London police service."

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following result-based statistics regarding its success or otherwise in combating distance fraud.

For the whole of 2014 and the first six months of 2015 please disclose

1. How many reports were made to Action Fraud of fraud, theft or attempted fraud or theft involving an unsolicited telephone approach to the victim or intended victim?

It is our decision that this information is subject to the following exemptions in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act:

Section 12 over cost

I confirm that information relating to Fraud/Attempted Fraud Reports is held by the City of London Police.

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However, extracting this information would require the manual examination of all Fraud records created to determine whether any reference to unsolicited telephone calls is included.

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.

2. How many of those reports resulted in a criminal investigation being opened by any police force?

3. How many of those investigations resulted in a suspected offender being identified by the investigating police force or constabulary?

4. How many of the suspected offenders were prosecuted?

5. How many of those prosecuted were convicted?

Questions 2 – 5

City of London Police does not hold this information. Investigation data will be retained by the appropriate local force.

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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