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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.

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

I am writing to request from you information relating to the interim Vulnerable Person's Database (iVPD). Specifically:

- The number of individual entries currently on the Database

CLARIFICATIONS - I would like to receive the unique nominals, and a breakdown of the categories those nominals would be part of.

I can confirm as of 10 May 2018 there were 913,122 unique nominals recorded on the interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD).

Categories

iVPD is an incident based Database that allows officers to record concerns that may be a risk to a person's current or future wellbeing. Concerns are recorded under the following categories:

- Child Concern
- Domestic Abuse
- Adult concern/Domestic Abuse
- Adult Concern
- Youth Offending
- No concern/Not applicable
- Not Known

Police Scotland has a weeding and retention policy for iVPD with the technical development of the associated ICT solution underway. Once live the number of unique nominals on the database will significantly reduce.

- The statutory basis for Police Scotland to operate the interim Vulnerable Person's Database.

The main purpose of policing as defined in the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 is to enable the police to improve the safety and wellbeing of people and communities across Scotland. When we identify individuals who are or are perceived to be experiencing adverse circumstances which may impact on their current or future wellbeing we work with our partners to ensure that those individuals get the support they need from the appropriate agency. The iVPD is designed to assist Police Scotland to recognise and record a range of

concerns regarding individuals and to ensure that opportunities for early intervention and prevention are maximised. The identification of concerns at an early stage better enables Police Scotland and partners to promote, support and safeguard the wellbeing of individuals and communities and to help keep people safe. It provides an opportunity to provide support at an earlier stage where appropriate to do so and take preventative action to stop low level concerns developing into crisis situations.

- Policies relating to the interim Vulnerable Person's Database, in particular:

Weeding and retention policies.

Data sharing agreements with other bodies (public or private).

Memorandum of Understanding relating to iVPD with other bodies (public or private).

A list of, rather than access to, other relevant policies for iVPD would be appreciated.

- Weeding and Retention
- Data sharing agreements with other bodies (public or private).
- Memorandum of Understanding

I can confirm there is a Weeding and Retention policy for iVPD. There are no Data Sharing agreements or Memorandum of Understandings specifically for the iVPD system.

- A list of rather than access to other relevant policies for iVPD:

The following policy relates specifically to the iVPD system:

- iVPD Rules, Conventions and Data input standards

- Training material for operating and access to the Vulnerable Person's Database.

There are four on line training packages as follows:

- Search and View Module
- Create and Update Module
- Vulnerability Module
- Domestic Abuse Questions Module

There are two half day courses:

- Supervisors Module
- Public Protection Unit Module

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- Privacy Impact Assessments carried out on the interim Vulnerable Person's Database.

No Privacy Impact Assessments have been completed relating to iVPD. The iVPD project was initiated in 2013 with a full governance structure that oversaw the rollout of the new database.

- Any official communication from the Information Commissioner's Office in relation to the iVPD.

I can confirm that there has been no official communication from the Information Commissioners Office in relation to iVPD, therefore section 17 of the above act applies, notice that information is not held.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Edinburgh on 0131 311 3901 quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalrnarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply online, by email to 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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