

7 January 2020

Mr James Scott

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Dear Mr Scott

Request for information

Thank you for your request dated 23 November 2019 requesting information on First Security personnel having access to Palmerston North Police Station.

You requested:


1. A copy of any contract/agreement between Police and First Security in relation to their personnel performing these patrols in Palmerston North.
2. If not already answered by information provided in relation to (1), a description of the tasks being performed by First Security on behalf of Police.
3. An explanation as to why First Security personnel have access to non public areas of Palmerston North (and potentially other) Police Station(s). I have personally seen first security staff swipe in to non public areas of the station in the absence of Police staff. If they do not usually have access themselves and had borrowed an access card, why was this allowed by Police?
4. Given First Security staff have access to non public areas of the Police Station, what steps are taken to prevent these staff gaining access to sensitive information about offenders or members of the public that First Security and their staff are not entitled to collect (nor Police entitled to disclose, with or without intention) under the Privacy Act.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 and we advise the following:

1. First Security, (Safe City Hosts) are engaged by the council not Police. As Police cannot answer questions one and two of your request, Police transfer this part of your request to the Palmerston North City Council under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982.

Central District Headquarters

404 Church Street, Palmerston North
Telephone: 06 351 3600. . www.police.govt.nz

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2. In response to part 3 of your request, First Security (Safe City Hosts) have approved access to the Palmerston North Police Station as they monitor the cities CCTV cameras. They also have access to the station to receive briefings before commencing shift, use the meal room and bathrooms. They have restricted access to the police station.
 3. In response to part 4 of your request, First Security (Safe City Hosts) have restricted access to the station and do not have access to sensitive information. When they are briefed they are provided only with the information necessary to complete their tasks and to assist police in preventing crime or disorder and to locate missing or wanted persons.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by return email.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Street
OIA Team