



Ref 16/9465/6

14 February 2018

By email: OIA request dated 07/02/2018

Dear Mr Francis

Official Information Act 1982 request

I refer to your email to myself on 7th February 2018 which has been treated as an Official Information Act 1982 request. This email was in response to my letter dated 25th January 2018. I will respond to the questions raised in your email.

1. ***According to an article published last year, police began keeping electronic records in 1994. You advised me in your letter of 25 January 2018 that Police began electronic record keeping in 1976. Did Police begin some other form of electronic record-keeping in 1994?***

The article you refer to seems to have been published on the Stuff website on June 11 2017. This article relates to internal investigations on Police staff. The electronic records identified in that article are records held about Police staff, eg personal records, training records, retention records, internal investigation records and is completely separate to other electronic records.

2. ***You also advised me that to date "there has been one response which has identified a case regarding a daycare where allegations of sexual abuse were made by multiple children about one offender". Was this the case of Geoff Scott and do you hold any records of this case? Also is this the only relevant case (other than the Peter Ellis case) since 1976 that you have identified?***

In my letter dated 25th January 2018 I stated one case had been identified. I will not be disclosing who that involved as that is private information and would be a breach of that person's privacy. This is declined under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982. As mentioned in the previous letter there has been only one case (other than the Ellis case) identified.

I will also not comment whether there are any records of a Geoff Scott being investigated or prosecuted as that could be a breach of privacy for anyone using that name. This information is declined under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



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