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Subject: FOI-19-1263 - School Police Officers

Thank you for your information request of 18 September 2019 and please accept our apologies for delay in providing the response to you. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

I would like to know how many schools within Aberdeen City have a School-Based Police Officer or Police presence please. In your Disclosure Log 2019: Education I found FOI-19-0425 - School Police Officers. The date of this was 08 April 2019. In that request you state there are three schools, St Machar, Northfield and Lochside. However, I understand that there may be a police officer based at Cults Academy. This was confirmed to me by way of a telephone conversation with the school. Therefore, my aim is to obtain the most factually correct situation to date please. So my request is as follows:

- 1. Could you please confirm how many Aberdeen City schools have a School based Police Officer and the names of the schools?**

3 schools:

Lochside Academy

Northfield Academy

St Machar Academy

Please note that there are no School Based Police Officers at Cults Academy.

- 2. Based on which schools are given at Q1 above, why have these schools been allocated a Police officer where as others have not?**

The concept came from the central belt with Northfield becoming the first Aberdeen school to have a SBO in 2001. They were put in to schools in the central belt that served areas of deprivation.

St Machar followed a couple of years after and Torry only got one during their last year 2017-2018.

A key principle of the SBO role is about improving the understanding of what the Police can offer and change families' understanding, they are there to help. The work SBOs currently do breaks down boundaries.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

We handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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