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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-16-0705 - RIPA Surveillance
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 8 June 2016. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Please could you provide me with the following information about the council's use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act (Ripsa) powers?

All of the questions below relate to the operation of RIPSA activities undertaken by Aberdeen City Council, as per guidance set-out here:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2014/01/5107/downloads#res441736>

For each of the last three financial years, to March 31st 2016, please could you provide me with the following information:

1. The total number of directed surveillance authorisations issued by the local authority under RIPSA.

- a) **2013/14** - 5
- b) **2014/15** - 8
- c) **2015/16** - 9

2. The total number of times covert human intelligence sources were authorised under RIPSA as a tactic by the local authority.

- a) **2013/14** - 2
- b) **2014/15** - 0
- c) **2015/16** - 0

3. The total number of times CCTV was used as a surveillance tactic under RIPSA by the local authority.

- a) **2013/14** - None
- b) **2014/15** - None
- c) **2015/16** - None

4. The number of people, if any, who were targeted for surveillance under RIPSA who were under 16 years of age.

- a) **2013/14** - None
- b) **2014/15** - None
- c) **2015/16** - None

5. A breakdown of the purposes of the investigations conducted in each year under RIPSA.

The investigations included these areas:

- Abuse of Blue Badge
- Fish Waste
- Sale of Illegal Goods
- Illegal Money Lending
- Sale of Counterfeit Goods
- Unstamped Weighbridge
- Under Age Tobacco Sales
- Illegal Tobacco Sales
- Anti-Social Behaviour

6. The number of times the local authority reported under RIPSA surveillance material deemed to be "confidential personal information, confidential constituent information and confidential journalistic material" to the surveillance commissioner or inspector during each period.

- a) **2013/14** - None
- b) **2014/15** - None
- c) **2015/16** - None

7. The number of times officers were subject to any form of disciplinary action in connection with RIPSA activity.

- a) **2013/14** - None
- b) **2014/15** - None
- c) **2015/16** - None

Previous responses can also be found on our disclosure log at the following links:

FOI-16-0398: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=70674&sID=27607>

FOI-15-1481: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=69122&sID=25986>

FOI-15-0140: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=62942&sID=25986>

FOI-14-1620: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=62644&sID=24446>

FOI-14-1594: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=62400&sID=24446>

FOI-14-1428: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=61434&sID=24446>

FOI-13-0932: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=52898&sID=26386>

FOI-13-0826: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=51964&sID=26386>

FOI-13-0655: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=51548&sID=26386>

FOI-13-0396: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=50590&sID=26386>

FOI-13-0308: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=50648&sID=26386>

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

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