



Ref 16/9465/8

16 April 2018

By email: OIA request dated 11th March 2018

Dear Mr Ross Francis

Official Information Act 1982 request

I refer to your email dated 11th March 2018 which has been treated as an Official Information Act 1982 request. The following information is supplied in response to this request.

- 1. In his reply to me of 25 January 2018, Detective Inspector David Kirby advised that: "...an email was sent to all Specialist Child Witness Interviewers and Child Protection Coordinators throughout the country asking for any knowledge of such cases. 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...[t]he alleged offender was prosecuted". Have there been any additional responses after Police asked for knowledge of such cases? If so, please provide me with the details of all responses.**

There have been no further responses.

- 2. What similarities, according to records held by police including information held in the minds of officials, exist between that case and the Peter Ellis case?**

A response to this question requires Police to "create" information. Your request is refused pursuant to section 18 (e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist.

- 3. During the police investigation into Geoffrey David Scott, convicted on multiple counts of child sexual abuse in 1994, did Wellington police consult with their colleagues in Christchurch? If so, what information or assistance (if any) did Wellington police request from Christchurch police during the Scott investigation? Please provide me with all records held in respect of communication between police in Wellington and police in Christchurch regarding the investigation of Scott.**

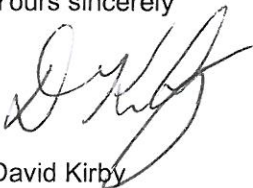
Enclosed is a copy of a job sheet in relation to communication between the officer in charge of the Scott investigation and a member of the Ellis investigation. Deletions have been made to the job sheet as that is not part of the Official information Request and is also private information.

4. **In May 1996, Wendy Burgering and Mark Copeland wrote a letter to the Dominion newspaper advising that the standard practice is to formally interview children only once. When exactly did this policy of one interview only come into effect, and please provide me with a copy of the unabridged letter from Messrs Burgering and Copeland?**

This request is refused under section 18 (e) of the Official Information Act 1982 because despite efforts to locate the letter it cannot be found. Mark Copeland no longer works for Police. In my letter dated 11 April 2017 you were supplied the "draft evidential guidelines 1990".

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Kirby', written over a horizontal line.

David Kirby
Detective Inspector
Manager Adult Sexual Assault and Child Protection
National Criminal Investigation Group

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JOB SHEET

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DATE/TIME

Contact Christchurch Police Sexual Abuse Team to discuss their approach and plan in regards to the Christchurch Childcare Centre.

Enquiries at Christchurch Child Abuse Team Re: Childcare Enquiry.

11/09/92

Detective Sergeant HARDING.
O/C Enquiry.

Made no press release.
Don't be pushed into arrest.
Think big in this type of enquiry.
Union and Lawyers turning up with witnesses.
Hold a meeting only when evidence fully gathered.
Don't disallow multiple offending.
Obtain Childcare register and records under warrant.

J R PRICE
Constable
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