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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – VIGILS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to vigils at Chalmers Street.

Question:

- Have there been any reported and documented incidents of harassment, intimidation, or public disorder, associated with pro-life prayer vigil groups at Chalmers Sexual Health Clinic, 2a Chalmers Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9ES, between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2021?
- Can the details of any recorded incidents, including dates, times and exact locations please be provided.

Answer:

In the last 5 years there was one adverse event recorded on Datix on 5th June 2017 under the Chalmers Centre that referred to a demonstration outside the clinic. A complaint was logged with the police and the police advised if they were not blocking the pavement then there was nothing that can be done legally.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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