



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

28th October 2024

Question

I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request in relation to communications, consultations and approval in relation to a City of Edinburgh led roadway junction scheme on the A772 Lasswade Rd and its junction with Carnbee Avenue in Edinburgh. The Council claim that such a mandatory consultation took place but have failed to evidence it therefore I am requesting the Scottish Ambulance Service as an Authority allegedly consulted for the following information held by you

1. All documentation, details of communications, meeting, minutes drawing and technical specification provided to the Scottish Ambulance Service in relation to the junction of Lasswade Road and Carnbee Avenue in Edinburgh.
2. All documentation, details of communications, meeting, minutes drawing and technical specification of Police Scotland's response to the alleged consultation including but not exclusively their internal assessment documentation, the individuals involved and their technical qualification in relation the Civil Engineering, Road Construction and Safety issues and their level of delegated authority to sign-off on such a consultation
3. All traffic accident and call out incident records held by the Scottish Ambulance Service in relation to the stretch of the A772 [Lasswade Road] between Lockerby Cottages and the junction with Ellens Glen Road in Edinburgh and volume of attendances at the NHS Ellens Glen House in Carnbee Avenue for the total period you hold such records

Answer

1. **All documentation, details of communications, meeting, minutes drawing and technical specification provided to the Scottish Ambulance Service in relation to the junction of Lasswade Road and Carnbee Avenue in Edinburgh.**

The Scottish Ambulance does not hold any documentation from City of Edinburgh Council relating to this subject. It is for this reason we have applied section 17 of Freedom of Information Scotland act 2002, as information not held.

2. **All documentation, details of communications, meeting, minutes drawing and technical specification of Police Scotland's response to the alleged consultation including but not exclusively their internal assessment documentation, the individuals involved and their technical qualification in relation the Civil Engineering, Road Construction and Safety issues and their level of delegated authority to sign-off on such a consultation**

The Scottish Ambulance Service does not hold a copy of Police Scotland's response to being consulted. This can be requested from [Freedom of Information - Police Scotland](#)



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3. All traffic accident and call out incident records held by the Scottish Ambulance Service in relation to the stretch of the A772 [Lasswade Road] between Lockerby Cottages and the junction with Ellens Glen Road in Edinburgh and volume of attendances at the NHS Ellens Glen House in Carnbee Avenue for the total period you hold such records

From the data we hold we cannot identify road traffic incidents specific to the junction requested. It is for this reason; we have applied the exemption Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002 as information not held.

The Scottish Ambulance Service has not conveyed anyone to NHS Ellens Glen House in Carnbee Avenue. Public authorities are not required to create information in order to answer a request. There's a distinction between creating new information, and compiling information. Where a request can be answered by compiling information from readily-available resources held by the public authority, this is not the same as creating new information. However, if collation of the information would require skill and complex judgement, the information is not held.

I have concluded that, in the case of data about specific addresses we are unable to produce this information without complex skill and judgement. This is because, although we hold information about incidents at specific locations and can report this at a postcode level, to report this at an individual address level we would be required to apply complex judgement. The reason for this is that there are multiple addresses within a postcode, there is also the potential for an incident to occur outside a premises and therefore not be attributed to a specific address.

It is for this reason that we have applied the exemption Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002 as information not held.