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Dear Convenor,

The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

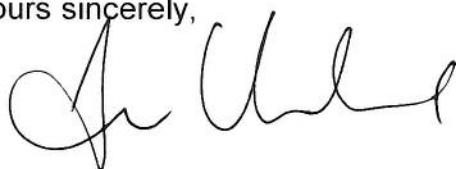
I refer to the above subject and your recent communication requesting clarity on whether Police Scotland intends to close any of the prescribed stations listed in the new regulations.

As the Convenor may be aware, Police Scotland recently published a list of 53 stations being considered for disposal, subject to consultation with local communities, partners and stakeholders. I can confirm that none of the prescribed stations detailed in the new regulations are being considered for disposal as part of this consultation.

However, Police Scotland is always open to exploring new opportunities that would improve service delivery, in particular through improved collaborative working with local partners. If any collaborative opportunities are identified in the future which would impact upon a prescribed station, then alternative measures would be considered and this specific policing requirement would be assessed and form part of the discussions with partners.

I trust the above information is of assistance, however please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours sincerely,



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