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From: Dave Scott <redacted@nilbymouth.org>
Sent: 26 May 2021 23:35
To: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>; [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>; [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Subject: Fwd: Sky Sports News and Sectarianism in Scotland

Folks,

No doubt a testing time at the moment. But a few chinks of light - not every day we get one of World's major social media platforms to agree to discuss tackling sectarianism online!

Upward and onward

Dave Scott
Director
Nil by Mouth

From: [redacted] <redacted@twitter.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 11:37 am
To: David Scott
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Sky Sports News and Sectarianism in Scotland

Hi David,

Thanks for reaching out and apologies for the delayed reply.

Looping in my colleague, [redacted] who would love to touch base with you and hear more.

Thanks!
[redacted]

On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 1:29 PM David Scott <redacted@nilbymouth.org> wrote:

Dear [redacted] & [redacted]

I am contacting you in response to Twitter's very positive and welcome remarks to Sky Sports News in a feature ran on 21st May 2021. I attach a link below for ease of reference.

[Anti-sectarian charity offers to educate social media companies on hate and abuse connected to Scottish football | Football News | Sky Sports](#)

By way of background **Nil by Mouth** is a fully registered Scottish charity which has been operating since 2000 and was set up by Glasgow teenager Cara Henderson in response to the brutal sectarian murder of her school friend **Mark Scott**. We exist to challenge sectarian attitudes in Scotland through a combination of campaigns, policy and delivery of education programmes in schools, colleges, universities, workplaces and communities.

We note from the response given to Sky Sports that Twitter would '*Welcome the opportunity to engage and hear ideas from partners*' in regard to the issues we deal with on a daily basis, which are sadly increasingly spilling onto your platform. We would also stress that we appreciate the fine line Twitter must tread between facilitating freedom of speech with protecting people and keeping them safe from abuse and harassment whilst using it. We have in the past few weeks had to report accounts to you claiming to represent our charity online and I am pleased to say these issues were dealt with very quickly. Our wish here is to offer assistance not to blame the platform for the actions of its users.

We would though be very keen to take up your offer of engagement to see if there is any way we can assist your staff identify use of terms which would constitute a religiously or racially aggravated offence in Scotland. I would stress that we would offer assistance at **no cost to** your company.

To underline our credentials as partners in this area our work has been consistently supported by the **Scottish Government** and we have worked in official partnership with it since 2001. In 2007 the charity received the **Philip Lawrence Award** for our work bringing people from different faiths and traditions together. In 2012 we also received formal commendation from the **British Transport Police** for our work training its officers on how to identify and respond to instances of sectarian and racist abuse they may encounter undertaking their duties. We have also provided assistance to **Police Scotland** and the **Scottish Procurator Fiscal** in respect of criminal cases related to cases involving religiously aggravated prejudices. We are also in the early stages of a partnership with the [redacted] looking at how Twitter is being abused by individuals to stoke religious and racial tensions in Scotland.

Through our Scottish Government backed '**Beyond Religion and Belief**' workplace awareness project we have worked with more than 150 employers and in excess of 20,000 employees to help them better understand the attitudes, language and

actions which can constitute sectarian behaviour. These include **FTSE 100 companies**, local authorities and range of private, public and third sector employers. We are highly experienced working with companies to both raise awareness of these issues and provide solutions to any issues they may encounter.

I hope you can give this offer due consideration and should you require any additional information in respect of our work please do not hesitate to give me a call or a DM!

I would be very grateful if you could pass this communication on to the relevant member of staff or please do feel free to respond directly if easier.

I hope to hear from you in due course.

Best wishes

Dave

Dave Scott
Director
Nil by Mouth
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[redacted – Section 38(1)(b) personal information]

Document 2

From: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Sent: 02 June 2021 13:36
To: Dave Scott <redacted@nilbymouth.org>
Cc: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI

Yes it would pertain to our emails so would be including emails like grant emails, the end of year report, the draft overview of Beyond Religion & Belief, and the graffiti stats.

[redacted]

From: Dave Scott <redacted@nilbymouth.org>
Sent: 02 June 2021 10:03
To: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: FOI

No worries - happy to have a chat. I don't think I've sent anything to Ministers. As far as I can tell the only stuff would be too the likes of you, [redacted] and [redacted]. Is this correct?

Dave Scott

Director

Nil by Mouth

From: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 10:00 am
To: Dave Scott <redacted@nilbymouth.org>
Cc: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Subject: FOI

Good Morning Dave,

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for copies of any and all letter and email communications between the members of the Scottish Government (or those civil servants, or any advisors, or any special advisors, acting on their behalf) listed below and any officers, directors or volunteers of the charity Nil By Mouth dated between 1st January 2021 and 20th May 2021 inclusive.

Ministers:

The First Minister

The Deputy First Minister

Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport

The Lord Advocate

You have an interest in the information which has been requested because it concerns all correspondence sent between Nil by Mouth and Scottish Government within those dates. Therefore, I am writing to ask you for your views on whether this information should be disclosed before we make a decision on the request. Please note that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, and you do not have a veto on disclosure of the information. Under the terms of FOISA, the decision on whether or not to release the information is for the Scottish Government alone. However, we will take account of your views.

I should also explain that we can withhold information only if an exemption under FOISA applies to that information and, where applicable, the public interest in disclosure is not outweighed by the public interest in upholding the exemption. You can find detailed information about FOISA on our website at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/about/foi> or on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/home/ScottishInformationCommissioner.asp>

In order to ensure that we meet our statutory duty to respond to the request within 20 working days of receiving it, I must ask for your views by 7 June 2021.

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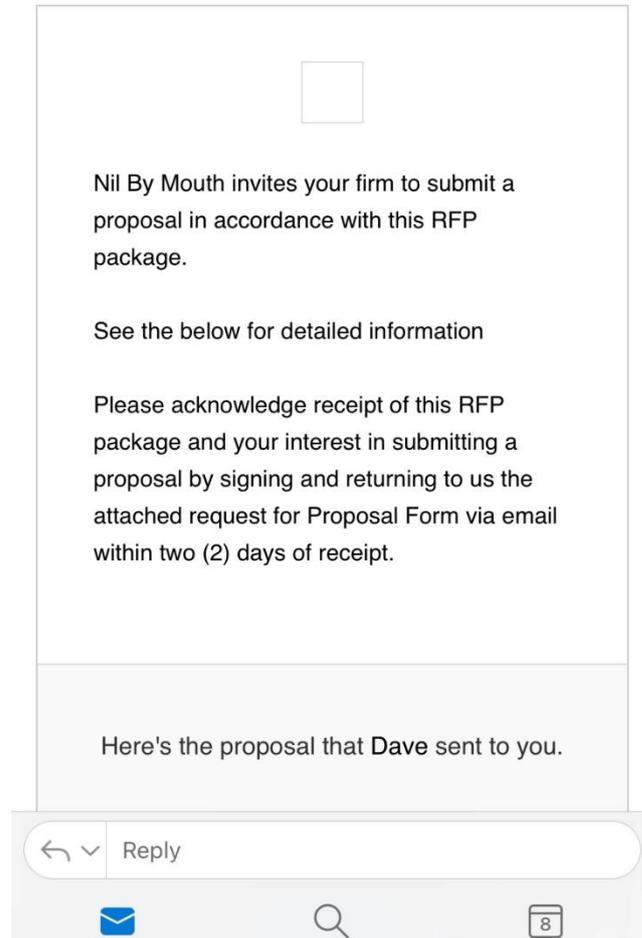
Document 3

From: Dave Scott <redacted@gmail.com>
Sent: 08 June 2021 11:37
To: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>, [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Subject: Malicious email

Dear colleague,

Unfortunately, we have had an issue with an email virus chain this morning. Please do not open any e-mails from @nilbymouth with the following heading '**Bid proposal from Nil by Mouth**'. **Screenshot attached.**

We are working to resolve this issue throughout the day.



We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Best wishes

Dave

Dave Scott
Director
Nil by Mouth
Tel: [redacted]

Document 4

From: Dave Scott <redacted@gmail.com>
Sent: 28 June 2021 19:18
To: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Help.

Thank you [redacted]. This will at least give the academics something to start with.

Appreciate you looking into it.

Dave

On 28 Jun 2021, at 17:09, [redacted] wrote:

Hi Dave,

Aside from the ones already sent there's not much more, the newest being this report using data obtained from the Crown office - <https://www.copfs.gov.uk/images/Documents/Statistics/Hate%20Crime%20in%20Scotland%202020-21/Hate%20Crime%20in%20Scotland%202020-21.pdf> - however it doesn't mention cyber/internet/social media.

I went to an SG statistician to ask about possible data to do with social media and hate crime and it seems there isn't anything further beyond the 'cyber-enabled technologies' mention in the publication I previously sent over. I did however get some clarification on what specifically they had and what cyber-enabled encompasses, they said - What we have at the moment is a measure of the proportion of hate aggravated crimes which involved cyber-technologies, separated by the current five aggravators. For example, from a research project we published in February this year, in 2019-20, 8% of police recorded religiously aggravated crimes were cyber-enabled. This is not restricted to social media and includes emails and other messaging apps (such as Whatsapp).

Hope this may be of some use,
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Sent: 15 June 2021 14:30
To: Dave Scott <redacted@gmail.com>
Cc: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Help.

Hi Dave,

I'm glad things are progressing with Twitter, good work on moving things along.

In terms of info, obviously I haven't been around for long but the only thing I can recall in relation to social media and hates crimes is the mentioning of 'cyber-enabled technologies' in the latest published hate crime study <https://www.gov.scot/publications/study-characteristics-police-recorded-hate-crime-scotland/> which is quite generalised by the use of technology rather than social media specifically. Just having a search around, this evaluation

(<https://www.gov.scot/publications/hate-crime-campaign-2018-evaluation/>) on a campaign in 2018 mentions social media but more for using it as a platform for educating on hate crime reporting rather than on hate crimes with social media involvement.

I'll have an ask around and see if anyone's aware of any other accessible info.

Best wishes,
[redacted]

---Original Message----

From: Dave Scott <redacted@gmail.com>
Sent: 15 June 2021 09:05
To: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>; [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Subject: Help.

Morning folks,

Hope all well. Was wondering if you could point me in the right direction of some stats?

We had a good meeting with Twitter last week and they look like being very helpful with things going forward. I'll give you a call to update or simply see you both at next Collaborative Leadership meeting?

In the meantime [redacted] have asked if the SG has any info on social media hate crimes over last few years? I think [redacted] would like to have a look into that early on in his research. I don't think he has to have them solely for religiously aggravated offences but if he had even general data that would be helpful. Please do let me know if I should be directing this request to other colleagues or through other channels (FOI etc)

Very best

Dave

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From: Dave Scott <redacted@nilbymouth.org>
Sent: 02 July 2021 10:17
To: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>; [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>; [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Subject: Change of address

Dear colleagues

Please note that as of 1st July our new office address is:

**Room 1.8
Merlin House
Mossland Road
Glasgow
G52 4XZ**

Regards

*Dave Scott
Director
Nil by Mouth
Tel: [redacted]*

Document 6

From: [redacted] <redacted@gov.scot>
Sent: 20 June 2021 11:31
Subject: Consultation Paper on the Sale and Use of Fireworks in Scotland, and Tackling the Misuse of Pyrotechnics

Dear Colleague

Launch of Consultation Paper on the introduction of new legislation on the sale and use of fireworks in Scotland, and tackling the misuse of pyrotechnics

For your information, and for sharing with any other interested colleagues, stakeholders and contacts, I am emailing to let you know that a [public consultation](#) has been launched this morning seeking views from the public and stakeholders on the introduction of four specific requirements in relation to the sale and use of fireworks in Scotland.

The consultation also considers the use of pyrotechnic devices and specifically whether it should be an offence to carry a pyrotechnic device in a public place without reasonable excuse or lawful authority, and whether police powers should be extended

to allow a stop and search provision for anyone reasonably suspected of committing the offence.

You can find a link to the consultation at the following link <https://consult.gov.scot/justice/use-and-sale-of-fireworks-in-scotland>, and we would appreciate it if everyone could circulate this around their network and encourage as wide a response as possible – both from interested stakeholders and from members of the public.

The consultation will run for 8 weeks, and will close on Sunday 15 August.

We are grateful for your help in raising awareness of the consultation more widely.

Regards

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Due to the ongoing Coronavirus situation, I am currently working from home. I have access to emails as normal, and will get back to you as soon as possible. For anything urgent, I can be reached on [redacted].