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Dear

Please find attached response to your FOI request of 10 October 2023.

Kind regards, SOSE Corporate Relations <u>foi@sose.scot</u>

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Date: 19 October 2023

Dear

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 10 October 2023. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

FOI REQUEST

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Section 15. Specifically, I am seeking information about the donations made to the Ukrainian war memorial located in Lockerbie. To clarify, I am interested in the following details:

- 1. The total amount of donations received for the Ukrainian war memorial since its establishment.
- 2. A breakdown of the donations by year.
- 3. The names of any organizations or large donors who have contributed to the memorial (if this information is publicly available or can be shared under GDPR).
- 4. Information on who made the decision in your organisation to donate to this cause
- 5. Any other pertinent financial reports or summaries relating to the funding of the memorial.

If the information requested contains sections that are exempt from release, please redact those sections and provide me with the remainder of the document. I would appreciate if the information could be sent to me via email in a digital format.

If this request is denied, in whole or part, please provide an explanation for the denial and information on how to appeal your decision.

Please consider this request under the expedited timeline as set out under the Freedom of Information Act and GDPR. If you are unable to provide the information within the standard time frame, kindly inform me as soon as possible.

FOI RESPONSE

Under Data Protection legislation, a subject access request may be made by individuals for their own personal data. Please confirm if you have a separate subject access request for your own personal data held by SOSE.

SOSE provided a grant to Hallmuir Ukrainian Chapel last year to assist their important work supporting Ukrainian refugees caught up in the current conflict taking place in Ukraine. In response to your questions 1 to 5, none of SOSE's support was related to the memorial in question and we therefore have no information in that regard.

Our support was focussed on ensuring vital repairs to the B-listed Chapel could take place, and will support plans to develop a small visitor centre to help people find out more about this historically important site. The breakdown of how our grant was spent is as follows and did not include funding for any memorials:

Chapel Materials (Paint/wood/steel)	£15,000
Chapel Roof	£11,736.00
Chapel Electricals	£720.00
Chapel Painting and heating	£6,417.35
Visitor Centre Roof, guttering, barge boards etc	£14,270.00
Site Walling and Fencing (from neighbouring business)	£4,634.00
Total	£52,777.00

Today, the Chapel is an asset to the local Lockerbie community, both as a place of worship and a centre to help coordinate aid for Ukrainian refugees.

You have the right to request a review of the way in which this request has been processed. Should you wish to exercise this right, you will need to contact us within 40 working days of receipt of this email.

If you remain dissatisfied on completion of the review, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner and thereafter to the Court of Session on a point of law only:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS Telephone: 01334 464610 <u>http://www.itspublicknowledge.info</u> or for online appeals: <u>www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal</u>

Regards, SOSE Corporate Relations Team FOI@SOSE.scot



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