

## APPENDIX 1

### ANNUAL REPORT ON THE USE OF THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS (SCOTLAND) ACT (RIPSA) 2000

1. Between 1 October 2022 and 1 October 2023, Aberdeenshire Council granted one authorisation for the use of directed surveillance under the 2000 Act. The authorisation granted related to the sale of counterfeit goods.
2. Between 1 October 2022 and 1 October 2023, Aberdeenshire Council did not grant any authorisations for the use of a covert human intelligence source (CHIS).
3. During the period 1 October 2022 to 1 October 2023, there have been no reported cases on the operation of RIPSA and there have been no legislative changes to the Act.
4. A virtual training course for Authorising Officers took place on 23 May 2023.