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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Do Police Scotland retain a list of 'Politically Exposed Persons' also known as 'PEPs' which is flagged to responding officers when attending to incident / crime reports made by a 'PEP' to Police Scotland?

Our interpretation of a ‘Politically Exposed Person’ is someone who has been entrusted with a prominent public function and who therefore presents a higher risk for potential involvement in bribery and corruption by virtue of their position and the influence they may hold.

Police Scotland do not hold such a list and section 17 of the Act therefore applies as the information is not held.

## Do Police Scotland retain a list of Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) and / or Members of Parliament (MP) which is flagged to responding officers when attending to incident / crime reports made by an MSP or MP to Police Scotland?

Police Scotland do retain lists of Members of Scottish Parliament (MSP) and Members of Parliament (MP) which are flagged to attending officers when attending an incident or crime report.

## If Police Scotland do retain a list of PEPs / MSPs / MPs can you please provide the total number of crime / incident reports submitted by each separate group in the periods 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022; 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023; 1 April 2023 to 1 April 2024; 1 April 2024 to 6 February 2025.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request.

I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

We do have processes in place whereby incidents can be flagged as related to Operation Bridger (UK MPs) or Operation Sandbed (Scottish MSPs) as relevant, but it does not automatically follow that the incident was submitted by the MP/ MSP.

It would therefore be necessary to review each of these incidents individually for relevance to your request, an exercise which, due to the numbers involved, I estimate would cost more than £600.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.