

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1056
Date: 8th June 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Relating to North East policing area, may I ask the following:

- 1. The number of times a Police Scotland officer was sent to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary in 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date. If this information could be divided into "escort to" and "from" I'd be obliged.**
- 2. The number of times a Police Scotland officer was sent to Dr Grays Hospital in 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date. Same request for division of answer.**
- 3. Does the force hold transponder data for police car time spent attending either hospital, and if so, could this be broken down by ARI/Dr Grays for 2020/21/22 to date.**
- 4. Any narrative on why officers attend hospital, for instance public protection, would be appreciated**

Having considered your request, I must first of all advise you that it has been interpreted as seeking data on the number of occasions Police Scotland officers have escorted individuals to/ from the locations specified.

As such, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, whilst incidents are categorised, there is no specific category which relates to the type of incident referred to above.

As such, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to carry out case by case assessment of all potentially relevant incident reports, for the time period

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requested - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

If you would like data on the number of reported incidents with a locus of either hospital, that were attended by Police Officers, please let us know as we may be able to provide this.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions. Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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