

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1071
Date: 26th May 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.

I'd like to request the following information, as of the most recent date for which information is held:

1. How many people are currently wanted by your force on PNC? Please provide details on the offence/crime category.

I can confirm that there are currently 6,815 individuals listed as 'Wanted'.

Unfortunately, I am unable to provide you with a break down by offence/ crime category, 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.

By way of explanation, the way in which Warrants are recorded, is by the lead offence (most serious) and subsequent crimes from the Warrant are added to the text section.

Each of the 6,815 records would have to be individually assessed to determine the offences listed/ crime category.

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.

2. How many people are currently listed as missing by your force on PNC?

I must firstly advise you that providing a response based on people listed as missing on PNC alone would not provide an accurate image of the number of individuals listed as missing in Scotland. For example, there may be instances where some people have 'dropped' off PNC.

As such, I can confirm that as at 20th May 2022, Police Scotland's National Missing Persons Unit has 614 people listed as missing.

3. How many people are currently listed as 'locate' by your force on PNC? Please separate this data by the reason why the police would like to locate the individual.

Police Scotland currently have 8,255 individuals listed as 'Locate', which can be broken down as follows:-

- 1,132 in relation to Non-Payment of Fine
- 7,123 to be traced in connection with a crime (this could be a suspect or to assist with enquiries)

If your force holds any nation-wide data for the above questions, please also provide national data for Q1-3.

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.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.