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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2574
Date: 21st December 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.

- **Number of officers (split by current and former) who have had multiple complaints against them by the public. Please split by whether cases were upheld/not upheld, and into which area/division the officers are part of.**
- **Number of Officers who have had multiple misconduct cases raised against them. Please split as above.**
- **Number of officers who have had Criminal Allegations raised against them. Again split as above. In addition, please identify how many cases the officers were found guilty.**
- **Number of Officers who have had sexual, racial, gender discrimination cases raised against them. Again, split as above.**

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, there are a number of reasons why each point individually is problematic but overall, the lack of any time period and the fact that your request relates to all 17,000+ serving officers as well as any former officers makes such a request so significantly time consuming that it is simply not possible to provide any meaningful data within the £600 limit.

To be of assistance, data regarding complaints, misconduct and alleged criminality are compiled on a quarterly basis and are available online:

[Police Scotland Professional Standards Quarterly Performance Report \(Q2 - 22/23\)](#)
[Police Scotland Professional Standards Quarterly Performance Report \(Q1 - 22/23\)](#)
[Police Scotland Professional Standards Annual and Quarterly Performance Report \(Q4 - 21/22\)](#)

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- **Number of officers who fall into any of the above categories whom have dealt with any case involving myself.**

As this question would rely on data from the above questions being available, section 12 of the Act also applies, *however*, even if it were possible to provide data for any of the points listed above, we would be unable to answer this question for you in terms of FOI.

To explain, privacy laws would prevent us from confirming or otherwise in any FOI response whether a named individual (you) had any dealings with Police Scotland.

The exemption at section 38(1)(a) of the Act would apply as such information is personal data of which you are the data subject.

- **Number of recorded crimes by category for the last 24 months within Greater Glasgow area.**
- **Number of attended incidents involving potential domestic abuse (split by gender). In addition, please identify how many of these were actually recorded as Crimes (split by gender) on Police Scotland Crime Bulletin.**

I can advise you that crime data and domestic abuse incident and crime data are publicly available.

As such, in terms of Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to provide you with the information sought. Section 16 requires Police Scotland when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

- (a) states that it holds the information,
- (b) states that it is claiming an exemption,
- (c) specifies the exemption in question and
- (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested and the exemption that I consider to be applicable is set out at Section 25(1) of the Act - information otherwise accessible:

"Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under Section 1(1) is exempt information"

The information you are seeking is available on the Police Scotland website, via the following link:

[How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

Data for Greater Glasgow specifically can be found in the Divisional publications whilst data for Scotland more generally can be found in the force level publications.

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.