

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0929
Date: 27 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.

Please provide statistics on asylum claims by nationality recorded at police stations in the Greater Glasgow Area from 01 January 2012 to the present.

In response to this question, 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, the incident recording system used by Police Scotland has no facility whereby 'asylum claims' can be automatically identified.

Any such incidents would most likely be recorded under the more general classification of 'Immigration'.

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 incidents to establish whether they meet the specific criteria of your request.

To clarify, a search for the number of all 'Immigration' reports recorded within the Greater Glasgow Division across the requested timescale returned a total of 1641 such instances.

This confirms that individually assessing these reports to establish if they relate to asylum claims is an exercise that would certainly exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of some assistance I have included the table below which provides the total number of reports, broken by calendar year:

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Recorded Immigration Incidents, Greater Glasgow Division
1 January 2012 - 31 March 2022 (Calendar Years)

Initial Incident	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ytd
Immigration	0	100	88	73	133	146	159	201	226	400	115

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 2nd April 2022.

The data was extracted using the incident's raised date and by selecting the initial incident type "PW-77" (Immigration).

If you require further assistance or 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.pnn.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.