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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.

1] The number of illegal drug seizures made by the force after substances were detected in packages or letters in transit through the Royal Mail (Royal Mail Group Limited) postal system over the following periods:

1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019

1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

1 January 2021 - 31 January 2021 (or until the most recent date logged) – Amended to 1 January 2021 - 31 DECEMBER 2021 (or until the most recent date logged)

2] The number of illegal drug seizures made by the force after substances were detected in packages or letters in transit through all postal services in the UK over the following periods:

1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019

1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

1 January 2021 - 31 January 2021 (or until the most recent date logged) – Amended to 1 January 2021 - 31 DECEMBER 2021 (or until the most recent date logged)

3] A summary of the type of drug, total number of seizures of each drug and total quantity of each drug seized by the force after substances were detected in packages or letters in transit through all postal services in the UK over the following periods:

1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019

1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

1 January 2021 - 31 January 2021 (or until the most recent date logged) – Amended to 1 January 2021 - 31 DECEMBER 2021 (or until the most recent date logged)

I have considered your request for details of items intercepted in the mail and I am unable to provide a response, 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.

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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, Police Scotland have no operational or statistical requirement to record this information except where the item intercepted were considered to be productions in a criminal case. The only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each crime report created on these systems in the period requested, which would clearly exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

For your interest, I am advised that when police attend to seize any item, the Royal Mail record this information and pass it to their Security Office in London.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foidundee@scotland.pnn.police.uk 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.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.