| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-0961Responded to: 19 April 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I would like to request:

## All communications, messages, documents etc. held by Police Scotland relating to the hate crime complaints made against JK Rowling for this Twitter/X thread - https://twitter.com/jk\_rowling/status/1774749954629652873

## I would expect this request to include any messages sent by senior leaders/officers regarding the decision not to classify this incident as a non-crime hate incident.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request.

I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, collating correspondence of relevance would be extremely complex as it could stem from any police officer or staff member within Police Scotland and be saved in a variety of locations including email accounts, email archive files, shared network drives or personal drives.

We have no means of carrying out a force wide search for correspondence beyond the tools available in Windows Explorer and clearly terms such as ‘hate crime’ are of limited use as search parameters.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.