

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0191  
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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.

**Between the dates 01/01/19 - 15/12/21, I would like to know how many complaints of the following sexual offences were made where the suspect was a teacher, and where you hold the information, a music teacher:**

- 1. Grooming of children for the purposes of sexual offences**
- 2. Sex. Abuse of Trust (children)**

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, 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 only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to read through 281 relevant crime reports for the time period requested to establish whether the occupation of the accused is recorded. If we estimate that it takes 10 minutes to review each crime report this would total over 47 hours and at a cost of £15 per hour would total over £700 and would exceed the time and cost thresholds set by ministers.

Further, occupation is not a mandatory field within our police systems and the occupation field of a crime report is 'free text' which is subject to variations in recording and open to misspelling. Furthermore, the recording system utilised only allows one occupation to be stored against a record at any given time. Accordingly, when the occupation of an individual changes all historically linked records also change to reflect the new occupation, as such without the physical examination of all records, this would produce false information.

Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact Information Management – Glasgow at [foiglasgow@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foiglasgow@scotland.police.uk) quoting the reference number given.

## OFFICIAL

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.