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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2600
Date: 29 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.

- 1. How many police officers and staff in your force have been reported for soliciting for the purpose of prostitution (offence code 27) from January 2018 to December 2022?**
- 2. How many of these reports resulted in any sort of professional disciplinary action of an officer or staff member?**
- 3. How many of these reports resulted in a conviction of an officer or staff member?**
- 4. How many of these reported officers/staff were removed from their job?**
- 5. How many of these reported officers/staff members are still part of your force?**

I would first of all advise you that Police Scotland records crimes and offences in line with the [Scottish Government Justice Department crime classifications](#) - Home Office codes and descriptions are not used.

To be of assistance, we have researched our systems for details of any police officer or staff member reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) for criminality in terms of the relevant Scottish legislation - section 9(1) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995 and section 1 of the Prostitution Public Places (Scotland) Act 2007.

On that basis, I can advise that there are **zero** cases of relevance to your request.

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.

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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.