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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. A) Can you provide the number of doctors who were victim of a Hate Related Incident where the alleged perpetrator was a patient of their practice between January 1 2021 and December 31 2021.**
B) Can you please provide cross breaks of these crimes by Race, Religion/ Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.
- 2. A) Can you provide the number of dentists who were victim of a Hate Related Incident where the alleged perpetrator was a patient of their practice between January 1 2021 and December 31 2021.**
B) Can you please provide cross breaks of these crimes by Race, Religion/ Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.
- 3. A) Can you provide the number of Hate Related Incidents that took place at a hospital where the alleged perpetrator was a patient of the hospital between January 1 2021 and December 31 2021.**
B) Can you please provide cross breaks of these crimes by Race, Religion/ Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.
- 4. A) Can you provide the number of Hate Related Incidents that took place at a GP surgery where the alleged perpetrator was a patient of the surgery between January 1 2021 and December 31 2021.**
B) Can you please provide cross breaks of these crimes by Race, Religion/ Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.
- 5. A) Can you provide the number of Hate Related Incidents that took place at a dental practice where the alleged perpetrator was a patient of the practice between January 1 2021 and December 31 2021.**
B) Can you please provide cross breaks of these crimes by Race, Religion/ Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.
- 6. A) Can you provide the number of doctors who were victim of a Hate Related Incident where the alleged perpetrator was a patient of their practice between January 1 2020 and December 31 2020.**

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- B) Can you please provide cross breaks of these crimes by Race, Religion/ Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.**
- 7. A) Can you provide the number of dentists who were victim of a Hate Related Incident where the alleged perpetrator was a patient of their practice between January 1 2020 and December 31 2020.**
B) Can you please provide cross breaks of these crimes by Race, Religion/ Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.
- 8. A) Can you provide the number of Hate Related Incidents that took place at a hospital where the alleged perpetrator was a patient of the hospital between January 1 2020 and December 31 2020**
B) Can you please provide cross breaks of these crimes by Race, Religion/ Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.
- 9. A) Can you provide the number of Hate Related Incidents that took place at a GP practice where the alleged perpetrator was a patient of the practice between January 1 2020 and December 31 2020**
B) Can you please provide cross breaks of these crimes by Race, Religion/ Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.
- 10. A) Can you provide the number of Hate Related Incidents that took place at a dental practice where the alleged perpetrator was a patient of the practice between January 1 2020 and December 31 2020**
B) Can you please provide cross breaks of these crimes by Race, Religion/ Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

Having considered your request in terms of the 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.

To explain, crimes are recorded by offence classification using Scottish Government Justice Department crime classification codes rather than by type of business or profession. As a result, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to read through each and every crime report for the years requested to establish if the type of premises is detailed and then further examine in order to answer the specific details of your request. Given that there were in excess of 1900 Hate related incidents alone in the time period requested that would have to be researched, this is an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To assist, you can access our published crime statistics via the following link: [How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management – Inverness - 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.

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.