

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0109  
Date: 08 February 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.

**Please can you provide details of all applications made to the Injury on Duty Awards over the last 5 years.**

**For each separate application made in this timeframe, I am requesting the following:**

- **Details of the incident**
- **Date the incident occurred**
- **Location the incident occurred**
- **Injuries sustained**
- **Whether the application was successful**
- **What financial compensation was awarded**

In response to your request, 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 details requested are not held in an electronic format meaning that case files for 109 applications would need to be manually examined. A conservative estimate is that it would take 30 minutes to examine each file to determine the information you require, this greatly exceeds the cost threshold set out within the Act.

Police Scotland have assessed that the £600 cost limit within the Act equates to 40 hours of work and so this part of your request would breach the cost threshold.

However, in order to be of assistance, please see the table below. This provides the number of Injury on Duty (IOD) applications the specific years, along with the IOD awarded

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and declined. Data from earlier than 2018 is not available and is exempt under the above stated exemption.

	IOD Awarded	IOD Declined
2018	22	4
2019	22	3
2020	3	4
2021	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>13</b>

I must advise that there are a further 48 applications outstanding where no outcome decision has yet been applied.

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarock, 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.