Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2452 Date: 02 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.

I am writing with a request for information under the FOI ACT 2000. The request is regarding incidents relating to individuals participating in the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

In order to simplify this request, I am attaching a spreadsheet containing the questions and the format I would like you to answer them in, and I would be grateful if you could fill in the answers as per the example answers I have filled in.

I have added a notes tab should there be any issues with any of the questions, so if you are unable to fill in a certain part please detail why not there. In case that any of the answers may be prevented from being answered under Section 40 of the FOI Act (e.g there are less than 5 individuals) please instead enter the word 'yes' in cells B, C or D if the following has occurred at least once.

# I am requesting information from the time period of from when the Homes for Ukraine scheme began up until 11 November 2022

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.

By way of explanation, there is no markers on our systems to indicate whether a party linked in a crime report is a participant of the scheme. Therefore every crime report would have to be manually examined - an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at <u>foidundee@scotland.police.uk</u> quoting the reference number given.

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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 <u>online</u>, by email to <u>enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info</u> 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 <u>Disclosure Log</u> in seven days' time.

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