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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.

**I wish to ask for the following information for Police Scotland:**

- 1) annual spend on contractors and consultants within Procurement & Contract Management Department**
- 2) Number of contractors and consultants within Procurement & Contract Management Department each year between 2018 and 2022**
- 3) Duration of each contract for each individual contractor or consultant**

In response to questions 1, 2 and 3, please see the attached spreadsheet titled 22-1271 Attachment 01.

### **4) Justification for using contractors or consultants**

The requirement for external contractor support was required to provide specialist support to Police Scotland Procurement Department and the wider organisation in relation to improvement and transformation of corporate services. There was no internal capability or capacity to carry out this requirement in-house.

Several of the contractor services were extended due to special operations arising such as COP26, the purchase of PPE in response to COVID-19, the delivery of the Procurement Improvement Programme which has driven up our compliance and reduced risk, and the procurement activity associated with the development of the laboratory ahead of the transfer of post mortem toxicology services from Glasgow University to SPA Forensic Services.

**For question 1) and 2) please provide the information for the Financial years: 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/2022 (to end of May 22)**

**Please provide the total spend for 2018 to 2022 (end of may 22)**

In response to the two questions noted above please see the attached spreadsheet titled 22-1271.

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**Please also provide details of the approving body for this overall spend and the route to market.**

The overall spend was approved by Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority.

The route to market was various for different requirements but included, mini competitions via compliant frameworks.

**Also, please advise of the funding source.**

The funding source was the Scottish Government with the Police Reform budget and post mortem toxicology service transfer budget along with the UK Government for the COP26 budget.

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.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.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.

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