

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2626
Date: 16th 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.

For the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 (from 1st January of each year - 31st December of each year) please confirm:-

(1) The number of crimes recorded in the Home Office Counting Rules (if the offence was still applicable) recorded as the principal crime of:-

- (a) section 71 of the Coroners Act 2009;**
- (b) section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants etc) Act 2004;**
- (c) sections 57 - 59 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003;**
- (d) section 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.**
- (e) section 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015**
- (f) Conspiracy to Traffick**
- (g) An offence which is not under (a) - (g) but has been flagged as an offence relating to modern slavery.**

(2) Of the crimes recorded in (1) (a) - (g) please confirm for each of the crimes (if still applicable) what were the outcomes of these cases, namely what were:

- (a) number where no further action was taken;**
- (b) the number where an offender was referred to the CPS for charging;**
- (c) the number where an offender was charged with the relevant offence;**
- (d) the number where an offender was (i) prosecuted for the offence and of these (ii) the number who were successfully convicted of the offence.**

Police Scotland do not use the Home Office counting rules and most of the legislation listed above does not extend to Scotland.

As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification codes and to be of some assistance, the table below provides the number of recorded Slavery or Forced Labour Offences, by division from 2016 to 30th September 2022.

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Division	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
North East	0	2	7	7	1	2	2
Tayside	0	0	13	5	12	16	5
Highland and Islands	0	1	0	5	1	0	2
Forth Valley	0	1	1	7	0	3	2
Edinburgh	3	11	6	18	9	22	3
Lothian and Borders	1	3	4	13	2	7	6
Fife	0	3	2	8	1	5	3
Greater Glasgow	1	27	43	88	26	24	13
Ayrshire	0	0	2	8	8	9	3
Lanarkshire	1	2	15	18	4	5	4
Argyll and West Dunbartonshire	0	3	1	13	9	5	5
Renfrewshire and Inverclyde	1	4	3	17	11	10	6
Dumfries and Galloway	1	2	0	2	1	2	0
Total	8	59	97	209	85	110	54

The table below provides the number of detected Slavery or Forced Labour Offences, by division from 2017 to 30th September 2022.

Division	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
North East	1	6	0	5	0	0
Tayside	0	10	6	4	11	3
Highland and Islands	0	1	4	1	0	0
Edinburgh	0	0	0	9	9	2
Lothian and Borders	0	0	0	0	3	4
Fife	3	1	1	0	0	3
Greater Glasgow	1	2	2	8	0	1
Ayrshire	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lanarkshire	1	0	0	0	0	1
Dumfries and Galloway	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	6	20	14	28	23	14

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 18th October 2022.

The Recorded Crimes have been extracted using the Date Raised, and then selecting the Stats Class Code '101110'.

Please note, 'Slavery or Forced Labour' offences are recorded within the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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 [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.