

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2508
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.

A full register of all interests, register of all donations of public or private money and register of all communications between the charity The Society For The Protection of the Unborn Child charity number 1143342 in England (charity number SC043441 in Scotland) and Police Scotland between the dates of 21/11/2018 - 21/11/2022.

In response to this question, I can confirm that there are no donations to or from The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child charity and Police Scotland between the dates of 21/11/2018 – 21/11/2022.

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.

If it is of some interest, the Gift, Gratuities, Hospitality and Sponsorship Register is publicly available on the Police Scotland website, via the following link:-

[Gifts, Gratuities, Hospitality and Sponsorship Register - Police Scotland](#)

A record of donations made in each year is also publicly available on the Scottish Police Authority website:-

[Financial Reports and Key Strategies - Scottish Police Authority \(spa.police.uk\)](#)

Please also include a statistical count of any complaints raised against the charity SPUC or Police Scotland between the same dates regarding harm by the two organisations made towards prostitutes if any exist.

In response to this question, 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.

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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 systems used by Police Scotland have no facility available which allows for the automatic retrieval of this level of information.

Case by case assessment would have to be carried out to establish the details of the suspect/ accused and determine whether they were a prostitute.

This would involve individually examining thousands of reports - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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

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.