

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1277  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> July 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.

**This is freedom of information request relating to the number of complaints made under the following sections of the following Acts:**

- 1. The Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006, Section 1 (Hatred against persons on religious grounds)**
- 2. The Justice of the Peace Act 1361, as it relates to Breaches of the Peace**
- 3. The Public Order Act 1986, Sections 1-5**

**Please include the information for each of the following financial years; 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22**

- The number of complaints under the above Acts that specifically mentioned any of the following words: Islam, Muslims, the Qu'ran (or alternative spellings), the Prophet Muhammad (or alternative spellings), Aisha (or alternative spellings), Allah (or alternative spellings), Hadith (or alternative spellings), haram, halal, hadith**
- The amount of police time spent on investigating each complaint. If this isn't possible I would be happy with information on the total amount of time spent on these complaints**

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I must first of all advise you that none of the legislation listed extends 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.

Notwithstanding, we are unable to conduct a keyword search of our current crime recording systems, and the time spent on investigations is not usually recorded.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, quoting the reference number given.

## OFFICIAL

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, 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.

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.