| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2376  Responded to: 29 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## From 2004 to the present, has Police Scotland received any reports or complaints concerning a male council employee (or contractor), working as a joiner or tradesperson in the Edinburgh area, involving:

## Allegations of photographing children inside their homes

## Allegations of photographing family photos or children’s images (e.g., on mantelpieces)

## Any safeguarding-related concerns tied to his professional role

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, there is no incident classification that directly aligns to identify the information requested above. We would need to review all potentially relevant incidents for relevance which would be tens of thousands even for just one year.

This would cost well in excess of the £600 and 40 hours prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible.   
If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.