

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1231  
Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 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.

**How many prisoners are being searched for by Police Scotland for recall to prison for breach of their sentencing requirements?**

**How many sex offenders and violent offenders are currently being searched for recall to prison for breaching their requirements?**

**How many sex/violent offenders required to report to a police station as part of their sentence have not and are being looked for by Police Scotland?**

**How many sex/violent offenders have an electronic tag requirement but have removed it and are currently being looked for by Police Scotland?**

**Would it be possible to break down the number of offenders by their crime please?**

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, 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.

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 only possible way to provide an accurate response would be to individually examine each and every apprehension warrant to establish the details and determine whether they were relevant to your request.

This would involve individually assessing a vast number of records, which is an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

Please be advised however, that information relating to wanted/ missing Registered Sex Offenders (RSO) is available on the Police Scotland website, via the following link:-

[Registered Sex Offender \(RSO\) Numbers - Police Scotland](#)

## OFFICIAL

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](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.