| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1059  Responded to: 02 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How much has Police Scotland paid to the family of Sheku Bayoh for the out of court settlement which was announced on March 24, 2025?

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 36(2)(b) actionable breach of confidence exemption applies.

## How much has Police Scotland spent in legal advice in connection with the civil action which was first raised in May 2018 against the Chief Constable by the family of Sheku Bayoh?

Clarification was sought in relation to “legal advice”, whether that meant the overall legal costs in connection with the civil action, or specifically costs associated with legal advice?  
You advised as follows:

## If possible, please can you break down both costs separately with an explanatory note of what they funded?

In response to this question, please see the table below.

| Item | Total Spend  (May 2018 - Present) |
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| Legal Advice (Preparing and reviewing papers, consultations, meetings, preparation of opinions etc) | £130,810.60 |
| Court Dues - Paid to Court to lodge documents as required | £166.00 |
| Sundry Account - Postage etc. | £177.04 |
| Travel - Travel expenses to appear at Hearings | £365.76 |
| TOTAL | £131,519.40 |

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.