

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0403  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide responses to the following questions:**

- 1. How many reports of the deaths of children under 18 were investigated by the force between 1 Jan 2020 and 31 December 2021? Please can I have the data broken down by month and year.**
  - a) Of the above, please can you also provide a breakdown of the reports by type of injury, ethnicity, and the age groups 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-17**
  
- 2. Please provide us with the following details concerning any charges of causing or allowing the death of a child which you have brought since 22 March 2020, where that child died during the period March 2020-Dec 2021:**
  - the relevant case number(s)**
  - the court where the case is listed**
  - names of defendant(s)**
  - date(s) of birth of defendant(s)**
  - address(es)**

In response to your request, I must advise you that the offence you refer to derives from Section 5 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 which does not extend 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.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification codes.

If it would be of interest, we could progress a request for Murder/ Culpable Homicide crimes with a child victim however it would not be comparable to data from English Police Forces.

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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.

