

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2006
Date: 07 October 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.

Please let me know how many FOIA requests Police Scotland has received in the last 12 months and how many were not responded to within the legally mandated time period.

Data regarding FOI compliance is compiled on a quarterly basis and reported to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) who thereafter publish the results.

As the information sought is publicly available, I am refusing to provide you with it in terms of section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Section 16 requires Police Scotland when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

- (a) states that it holds the information,
- (b) states that it is claiming an exemption,
- (c) specifies the exemption in question and
- (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested and the exemption that I consider to be applicable is set out at Section 25(1) of the Act - information otherwise accessible:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under Section 1(1) is exempt information”

The information you are seeking is available on the OSIC website via the following link:

[FOI and EIRs statistics | Scottish Information Commissioner \(itspublicknowledge.info\)](https://www.itspublicknowledge.info/foi-and-eirs-statistics)

To be of assistance, information for the last 4 quarterly periods is reproduced below:

Period	2021		2022	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Requests Received	638	670	761	639
Responded to late	45	86	119	73

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Please also let me know how many Police Scotland staff faced disciplinary action when the law was broken in respect of failure to respond within the time allowed.

No Police Scotland staff have faced disciplinary action for the reasons set out in your request.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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 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 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.