

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1255
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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.

**A count for the year 1st April to 31st March
(2018 -2019) (2019-2020) (2020-2021) (2021-22), of:**

- **child abductions by a parent (Home Office classification 13/13),**
- **child abductions by other persons (Home Office classification 13/2), and**
- **kidnappings (Home Office classification 36/1) when the victim was aged under 18 at the time of the offence.**
- **child abductions where a parent abducted children to Northern Cyprus (AKA Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus)**

I must first of all advise you that crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification codes and Home Office Classifications do 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.

If it would be of interest, we could provide general recorded crime statistics on *Abduction* and *Plagium – Child Stealing*, however I must advise you that it is *likely* that the level of detail sought, in terms of the age of the victim and the relationship with the accused, would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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 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.

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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.