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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0747  
Date: 21 April 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.

**I request the following under the freedom of information (Scotland) act of 2002, supply a full statistic count and disclosure of all incidences of the following:**

- A) The imprisonment, attacks or deprivation of human rights of Christian anti-communism politicians or activists.**
- B) The imprisonment, attacks or depravation of human rights of Catholic Families or their advocates.**
- C) The imprisonment, attacks or deprivation of Christian human rights pro-life politicians or activists.**

**Between 25/3/2019 - 25/3/2022**

In respect of the '*imprisonment*' of any individuals, I can confirm that in terms of section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, the information sought is *not held* by Police Scotland. You may wish to contact the Scottish Prison Service.

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In respect of the '*deprivation of human rights*' of any individuals, I can confirm that in terms of section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, the information sought is *not held* by Police Scotland. Whilst it could be argued that any act of criminality against a person could be argues to be a breach of their human rights, Police Scotland do not record incidents or crimes in those terms.

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In respect of '*attacks*' on any individuals, based on the interpretation of attack being a physical assault then Police Scotland may hold information of relevance to your request.

However, we are unable to search our systems based on biographical information about the victim of the crime - ie whether they might be described as an 'activist', whether they are a 'politician', whether they are an 'advocate' etc.

On that basis, we would have to individually assess for relevance all crimes of violence recorded during the three year period covered by your request.

I therefore regret to advise you that I am unable to provide you with the information sought, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

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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 given there would be several thousand crime reports.

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.

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In terms of our section 15 duty to advise and assist applicants, you may wish to consider a request for data regarding *violent hate crimes* motivated by *religion* recorded by Police Scotland.

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.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.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.