

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0859
Date: 5th May 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.

. For each of the calendar years 2015 to 2021 (Jan 1 - Dec 31), and for 2022 so far, please provide answers to the following questions:

Firstly, please provide data, broken down by year, detailing:

- How many times police officers were called to reports of incidents at schools in each of the years 2015 - 2021, and 2022 so far**
- How many of these callouts related to drug offences (e.g. suspected possession)**

Secondly, for each case where police were called to a school for an issue relating to drugs, please provide:

- An anonymised copy of the crime report from the call log**
- The outcome of the report. Was a suspect arrested or charged?**

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

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.

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.

By way of explanation, the incident recording system used by Police Scotland has no facility whereby specific premises such as schools can be automatically identified, nor is it possible to carry out a search based on the nature of locus, i.e. school.

As such, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to individually examine tens of thousands of incident reports for the time period requested, to establish whether the locus was a school - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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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 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.

