Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2614 Date: 29 December 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 provide a full statistical count of all and any incidences of any individual(s) raising complaints (apart from myself) alleging Police Scotland, The Chief Constable or any Police staff worker conspiring with MI5, MI6, or any other UK secret service in the acts of murder, rape, and torture of any person(s) and:

- A) Unlawfully evading secret service regulatory bodies.
- B) Covering up, including turning a blind eye to such cases, looking at them in a wrong way or otherwise engaging in administrative corruption to sabotage associated prosecution cases against the secret services or Police Scotland itself.
- C) Destroying evidence.

In pursuant to HM Covert Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Act 2021.

Between 1/3/2021 - 1/3/2022

I do not require a disclosure of any cases, if any, just the statistical count.

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, whilst complaints against the police are of course categorised for management purposes, there are no categories that align, either directly or indirectly, to the behaviours set out in your request.

To be of assistance, I would refer you to Appendix G of our <u>Complaints About the Police SOP</u> where you will find a list of categories that we would be able to provide data for.





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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.

