

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1430
Date: 21 July 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.

- **The number of fraud reports the force received from the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau per calendar year from 2017 to 2021.**
- **The number of these reports that were filed as 'no further action', broken down by year.**
- **The number of reports filed as 'no further action' that had an identified suspect, broken down by year.**

In response to these questions, 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 only possible way to establish the circumstances in which the crime was initially reported to Police Scotland, would be to carry out case by case assessment of all 'Fraud' offences for the years 2017 to 2021.

As illustrated by our [published statistics](#), for the 2020/21 financial year there were 15, 031 Fraud offences recorded by Police Scotland alone.

To carry out individual analysis of each of these offences is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

I can further advise you that prior to November 2019, they (NFIB) did refer cases to us, however since then, they simply redirect a complainer to Police Scotland instead.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

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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.

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