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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2557
Date: 20th 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.

Where the police believe a 'person to be a possible threat to public safety' when travelling abroad, they may decide to issue a Green Notice through the Interpol Criminal Information System. If a Green Notice is issued then customs/immigration staff in other countries will be aware of it when a passport is scanned.

Please could you provide the following information regarding notices to Interpol:

- 1. How many Green Notices have been issued by your police force to Interpol regarding people convicted of child sex crimes in the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022**
- 2. As of 25/11/2022 how many live Green Notices are recorded by your police force Interpol regarding people convicted of child sex crimes?**

In response to your two 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, we do not have a way of automatically retrieving the information you have requested and a manual check of each relevant individual record involved would be required to confirm if the information requested was held.

In this case in excess of 10,000 records would need to be manually checked from 2018 to date. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record, this equates to over 833 hours of work to provide the information requested.

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Police Scotland have assessed that the £600 cost limit within the Act equates to 40 hours of work and so this part of your request would breach the cost threshold.

Whilst I would normally suggest a refined timescale is considered, in this case even limiting your request to a single year would vastly exceed the cost threshold. You may wish to consider submitting a request to INTERPOL directly.

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.