



LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 1 May, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

"I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information on missing people with fatal outcomes during in the last four yours. Please can you provide the below in either an Excel spreadsheet or Word document (or both if that is easier)/

1. Between 2021 and 2024 how many missing person reports were filled
 2. Of those missing persons reports how many of those people were found dead (i.e. fatal outcomes).
 3. Of those 'fatal outcomes' please can you specify how many were treated as "suspicious" versus how many were treated as "not suspicious"
- RE Q3. Can you specify how many fatal outcomes involving ethnic minorities (Black, Asian, and other Minority Ethnic) were treated as "suspicious" versus how many were treated as "non suspicious"
 - RE Q3 Can you specify how many fatal outcomes involving non-ethnic minorities were treated as "suspicious" how many were treated as non-suspicious
 - RE Q3 Can you specify how many fatal outcomes involving people aged under 30 were treated as "suspicious" vs "non-suspicious"."

Response

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority is able to provide the following.

The Scottish Police Authority does not hold the information requested.¹

The Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland and does not hold information on operational policing matters.

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at foi@scotland.police.uk

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request to foi@spa.police.uk or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

This response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

SPA Corporate Management

¹ This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.