



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 10 March, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

Can I please ask how many payments and the combined total of payments have been made for compensation claims from your police force in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022? Can these be sent as separate annual totals?

Further, can I have the details - within the limits of privacy and protection - for any individual compensation payments over £50,000 within these years. If, for instance, a compensation has been granted for a death in custody, could the reason, gender and age of victim, prison and total compensation be cited? If any of these would violate the FOI and as such result in a rejection, please redact and proceed on the others.

I'd also like this separated into police officer/staff compensation and public liability please.

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 you have requested. Therefore, this represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

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

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland, the constabulary responsible for policing in Scotland. The following link provides information on how to make a request to Police Scotland –

[Access to Information - Police Scotland](#)

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with 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@spa.police.uk or by post to Corporate Management Team, Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

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 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 Scottish Police Authority Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.