

COPFS FOI register April 2024 – March 2025

Respond Number	Description of Request	Date received	Decision taken
R-11538-24	I wish to know if the COPFS maintains a record of media reports about the activities of Police Scotland and if so, what is collected?	02 April 2024	Provided
R-11548-24	How many appeals against lenient rape sentences have there been in 2021, 2022 and 2023, and how many were successful/unsuccessful? -Breakdown of this if possible.	03 April 2024	Provided
R-11550-24	I would like information on enquiries into the COPFS, total number, how long they took, how many were resolved, who audits this. This is for Scotland as a whole then split into COPFS offices.	03 April 2024	Part Provided
R-11573-24	How many home care helpers have been prosecuted for stealing from individuals living in or within a 20-mile radius of Kilmarnock for whom those home care helpers had home care responsibilities during the period 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2024? In relation to the above, how many cases were brought to court but not successfully prosecuted in that same period of time? Of those prosecuted, how many were employed by [redacted]? Of those prosecuted who were not employed by [redacted], how many were employed by another care provider? Of those prosecuted who were employed by other care providers, which care providers	04 April 2024	Excessive Cost

	<p>were they employed by (broken down by number of prosecuted employees per care provider)?</p> <p>Of those not prosecuted, how many were employed by [redacted]?</p> <p>Of those not prosecuted who were not employed by [redacted], how many were employed by another care provider?</p> <p>Of those not prosecuted who were employed by other care providers, which care providers were they employed by (broken down by number of prosecuted employees per care provider)?</p>		
R-11631-24	<p>Can you please provide a copy of your records management policy in respect of how you manage the retention and disposal of records related to court proceedings reported to the Procurator Fiscal by the Police and Law Enforcement bodies who you receive reports from;</p> <p>How long are paper records retained for by COPFS what arrangements exist or policy in respect of archiving or disposal of such records on paper.</p> <p>Do you have statistical information on how far back and what sort of volume of records are retained by COPFS?</p> <p>Have you outsourced the storage or management of such paper records to any third parties such as commercial companies or other government bodies, if so please could you provide details of the entities who provide this service and what arrangements exist to guarantee the integrity of such records?</p> <p>If possible could I have a copy of the policies within COPFS which relate to outsourcing of records management?</p>	04 April 2024	Exempt

	<p>Does COPFS have a policy on the release of papers related to the work of COPFS to the public or archives? Please could you provide a copy of the policy?</p> <p>If possible could you provide details of records disposal/retention policy within COPFS?</p> <p>Could you advise on the volume or number of paper records retained by COPFS and over what period such information or documents are retained?</p>		
R-11632-24	<p>Can you please provide a copy of your records management policy in respect of how you manage the retention and disposal of records related to court proceedings reported to the Procurator Fiscal by the Police and Law Enforcement bodies who you receive reports from;</p> <p>How long are paper records retained for by COPFS what arrangements exist or policy in respect of archiving or disposal of such records on paper.</p> <p>Do you have statistical information on how far back and what sort of volume of records are retained by COPFS?</p> <p>Have you outsourced the storage or management of such paper records to any third parties such as commercial companies or other government bodies, if so please could you provide details of the entities who provide this service and what arrangements exist to guarantee the integrity of such records?</p> <p>If possible could I have a copy of the policies within COPFS which relate to outsourcing of records management?</p> <p>Does COPFS have a policy on the release of papers related to the work of COPFS to the public or archives? Please could you provide a copy of the policy?</p> <p>If possible could you provide details of records disposal/retention policy within COPFS?</p>	12 April 2024	Exempt

	Could you advise on the volume or number of paper records retained by COPFS and over what period such information or documents are retained?		
R-11633-24	Road Rage statistics	10 April 2024	Excessive Cost
R-11638-24	Case related information	05 April 2024	Exempt
R-11642-24	Seeking data relating to 3 RD party witnesses	03 April 2024	Exempt
R-11647-24	Request for internal correspondence / COPFS correspondence with a council	16 April 2024	Excessive Cost
R-11648-24	Do you have the tables for “Location of charges with a domestic abuse identifier by PF Office” for specifically “Location of charges that proceed to court”	16 April 2024	Provided
R-11663-24	Please advise me of the updated estimate (if any) of the total cost of the works	17 April 2024	Exempt

R-11664-24	<p>Please provide the following information between 01/01/2017 and present on a weekly basis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All deaths reported 2) Where regulations required reporting of COVID-19 deaths: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1) The number of COVID-19 deaths 2.2) The number of deaths categorised by occupation 2.3) The number of deaths of care home residents 	16 April 2024	Provided
R-11665-24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How long does crown office have to deal with indictment proceedings. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a) what act does custody and court time limits fall under. 2. How long does procurator fiscal(s) have to deal with summary case matter(s). 3. How do crown & procurator fiscal apply for time-bar extension(s) 4. Whom authorises a sheriff to preside within a specific court. 4. a) whom authorises procurator fiscal(s) to engage with proceedings. 	18 April 2024	Part Provided
R-11666-24	Case Documents/Info	16 April 2024	Exempt
R-11669-24	<p>Please can you respond to the following request for Information.</p> <p>The details I require are:</p> <p>Spend on Office supplies and associated products for the below financial years.</p> <p>1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023</p> <p>1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024</p> <p>Start date & duration of Contract?</p> <p>Is there an extension clause in the contract and, if so, the duration of the extension?</p> <p>Has a decision been made yet on whether the contract is to be either extended or renewed?</p> <p>Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for the contract?</p> <p>Name of Incumbent Supplier?</p> <p>How long have you traded with them?</p>	18 April 2024	Provided

	If you publish your register of contracts and purchasing, can you please provide a website link. In addition, can you confirm if you have a contract in place for Tail End Spend.		
R-11695-24	Names of COPFS Staff & Police Officers involved in case	8 April 2024	Exempt
R-11696-24	DOB of an accused in a case	22 April 2024	Exempt
R-11711-24	Case Information	12 April 2024	Exempt
R-11713-24	<p>1. Contact Centre – target to organisations we know have a CC a. Do you have a customer/ citizen facing contact centre? If not please skip these questions.</p> <p>b. Do you employ and manage your own agents, or do you outsource to a third party? If you outsource who to?</p> <p>c. How many contact centre agents do you have?</p> <p>d. Do agents work from home? Or just your offices?</p> <p>e. Please confirm the manufacturer of your contact centre system(s) that are currently in place?</p> <p>f. When is your contract renewal date?</p> <p>g. Who maintains your contact centre system(s)?</p> <p>2. CRM</p> <p>a. Do you use a CRM in the contact centre? What platform is used?</p> <p>b. Do you use the same CRM for the rest of the organisation? What platform is used?</p> <p>c. Do you use a knowledge base / knowledge management platform? What platform is used?</p> <p>3. AI & Automation</p>	24 April 2024	Part Provided

	<p>a. Does your organisation have a customer or citizen facing chatbot? If so, who provides this chatbot technology?</p> <p>b. Does your organisation utilise RPA technology? If so which RPA technology provider do you use?</p>		
R-11722-24	<p>I write to ask if you could provide me with data, from 2007 onwards, which sets out the annual statistics of how many people were charged with stirring up racial hatred and how many people were convicted of stirring up racial hatred ?</p> <p>I have been supplied with data on the number of people convicted with stirring up racial hatred and signposted to yourselves as holders of data on people who were charged, since 2007, with stirring up racial hatred. Can you please provide this data ?</p>	25 April 2024	Provided
R-11723-24	<p>1. Telephony and UC/ Collaboration</p> <p>a. Please confirm the manufacturer of your telephony system(s) that are currently in place</p> <p>b. When is your contract renewal date?</p> <p>c. Who maintains your telephony system(s)?</p> <p>d. Do you use Unified Communications or Collaboration tools , if so which ones?</p> <p>2. Microsoft</p> <p>a) What Microsoft 365 licence do you have across the business e.g. E3, E5</p> <p>b) Which partner looks after your Microsoft tenant?</p> <p>c) Where do you host your applications? Do you have on-premise infrastructure or do you host your applications in public or private cloud? Which?</p> <p>3. Storage</p> <p>a. Does your organisation use on-premise or cloud storage or both?</p> <p>b. Please confirm the on-premise hardware manufacturer</p> <p>c. Please confirm your cloud storage provider</p> <p>d. What is your annual spend on cloud storage?</p> <p>e. How do you back up your data and with who e.g. Backup as a Service</p>	25 April 2024	Part Provided
R-11731-24	<p>I also require documents that permit the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal service to delay of providing subject access data of SARS - exemption to enshrined/primary legislation by way of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.</p> <p>I also require documents that do not permit a person of colour to make a Protected Act statement in public about Racism and also the documents from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal's office's Equality Act / Diversity Policies and Procedures that</p>	26 April 2024	Exempt

	state that a person of colour cannot make a Protected Act statement about Racis26m.		
R-11762-24	I wish to make a Freedom of Information request regarding officials who have previously served as the Procurator Fiscal for all areas of Scotland from 2000 until the present day. Please give the full name and title of each individual and the time in office	29 April 2024	Exempt
R-11763-24	I wish to make a Freedom of Information request regarding alleged corruption of four police officers. The officers were serving with the Major Investigation Team based at Govan Police Station in Glasgow. Please supply any material held in relation to the case for their alleged corruption from January 2005 onwards.	30 April 2024	Exempt
R-11765-24	Email correspondence between COPFS & Fife Council	30 April 2024	Exempt
R-11766-24	Complaint Information	01 May 2024	Withdrawn
R-11771-24	Case decision making information and documents	02 May 2024	Exempt
R-11772-24	I am writing in relation to the directions from the Crown Office in allowing Police Scotland to interview suspects for Scottish offences out with Scotland. Is this standard practice and in line with the Criminal Justice Scotland Act 2016, as this is contradictory to information contained on the Scottish Government - Justice Directorate, dated 1st March 2018. Clearly stating that any person arrested without a warrant out with Scotland for a Scottish offence, must be interviewed within a Scottish police office.	01 May 2024	Not Held

	<p>Police Scotland however, have operating procedures which allow this practice to be undertaken in the jurisdiction of England and Wales, notwithstanding English and Welsh officers being unable to do so and having to take persons arrested in Scotland back to the jurisdiction of England and Wales for interview.</p> <p>Can you clarify the legal position on this matter?</p>		
R-11773-24	Request for the gender breakdown of the stalking charges published in the official stats on stalking and domestic abuse - last three years	01 May 2024	Provided
R-11791-24	Case related information	04 May 2024	Exempt
R-11801-24	Case related information	07 May 2024	Exempt
R-11808-24	<p>1. Do you accept, the said interdict was served on the COPFS?</p> <p>2. Do you accept, the said interdict was served on the Chief Constable?</p>	22 April 2024	Not Held
R-11822-24	an Advocate Depute intimates to a Court, in respect of a common law offence, that immunity has been granted. Is there any protocol or procedure for such a situation?	09 May 2024	Not Held
R-11853-24	<p>Please provide me with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A full list of offence types covered by RPWs. - The Lord Advocate's guidelines to Police Scotland on their operation of the scheme and decisions about when to use RPWs. 	14 May 2024	Exempt

R-11854-24	Under Freedom of Information legislation, can I please request a copy of your organisations current Information Governance Strategy and any previous ones from the last 5 financial years? If there is no Information Governance Strategy in place, can you clarify what are your organisations key priorities in Information Governance?	14 May 2024	Part Provided
R-11856-24	The number of domestic abuse cases that have been subject to a plea deal for the last 5 years.	15 May 2024	Excessive Cost
R-11857-24	I am writing to request information regarding the legal expenses incurred during the fitness for judicial office tribunal involving [Redacted]. I would like the costs for both tribunals into [redacted] Specifically, I am seeking the following information: 1. The total amount of legal expenses incurred by the Crown Office or any relevant authority in relation to the aforementioned tribunal. 2. A breakdown of these expenses, including but not limited to: a. Fees paid to legal counsel or solicitors, KCs etc. b. Costs associated with the hiring of expert witnesses or consultants. c. Any administrative or miscellaneous expenses directly related to the tribunal proceedings. d. Any other relevant expenses incurred during the course of the tribunal. 3. The total cost of the first tribunal? 4. The total cost of the second tribunal into [redacted]? If possible, please provide the information for each fiscal year in which expenses were accrued, along with any available documentation or receipts substantiating these costs.	14 May 2024	Not Held
R-11858-24	criminal case information	13 May 2024	Exempt
R-11859-24	Information regarding - COPFS IT Issues preventing cases being reported to COPS by a council	08 May 2024	Provided

R-11873-24	Case information	15 May 2024	Not Held
R-11876-24	Request for sudden death report in case	17 May 2024	Exempt
R-11884-24	Case related information	20 May 2024	Part Provided
R-11885-24	<p>[redacted]</p> <p>Relevant dates – 1st January 1984 to 31st December 1987</p> <p>We would be obliged if you could provide us with details in relating to the abovenamed residential school. We understand that the Scottish Charities Office was previously operated by COPFS prior to December 2003.</p> <p>We require the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The owners of the school, including company name and/or charity number; <input type="checkbox"/> The owner of the land at the relevant time; <input type="checkbox"/> The title sheet number for the land register title for and which the school was based; <input type="checkbox"/> The dates in which the school operated; <input type="checkbox"/> The insurers of the school during the time of operation; <input type="checkbox"/> When the school ceased operation; <input type="checkbox"/> Any other information regarding the school after it ceased operation 	20 May 2024	Not held
R-11895-24	Case related information	21 May 2024	Not Held

R-11896-24	Please provide this information: Who oversee the work of COPFS?	21 May 2024	Provided
R-11897-24	The number of reports or charges made of adults allegedly forcing children (those 15-) to participate in practices of spiritualism between 1/1/2016-1/1/2024 in the Glasgow area. Any recorded measures taken by the crown to stop the arrests or charges made of adults for allegedly forcing children (those 15-) to participate in practices of spiritualism between 1/1/2016-1/1/2024 in the Glasgow area.	21 May 2024	Exempt
R-11912-24	<p>My request pertains to the briefings provided to senior officials within Police Scotland (PS) and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).</p> <p>Specifically, I am seeking details on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Occurrence of Briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of whether these briefings take place. • The frequency of these briefings (e.g., daily, weekly, etc.). 2. Attendees of the Briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ranks or positions of individuals who are typically present at these briefings within Police Scotland and COPFS. 3. Remote Briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of whether these briefings occur when key officials, such as the Lord Advocate or other senior figures, are not in the UK. <p>These briefings are described as essential roll calls of events and issues of interest or concern. Understanding the structure, frequency, and scope of these briefings will provide valuable insight into their operational importance.</p>	21 May 2024	Not Held
R-11913-24	<p>I am emailing under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:</p> <p>Every email correspondence involving former Lord Advocate Frank Mulholland including the term 'Post Office' between 2010 and 2016.</p>	22 May 2024	Part Provided
R-11914-24	The minutes of the meeting held in July 2013 between representatives from the Post Office and the Crown Office regarding the Horizon IT system.	23 May 2024	Exempt

R-11915-24	The exact guidance provided by the Crown Office to prosecutors in August 2013, in which the COPFS tells prosecutors to consider every case reported by Post Office on their individual facts and circumstances.	23 May 2024	Provided
R-11919-24	Case related information	21 May 2024	Exempt
R-11941-24	<p>1. Can you confirm that the Crown Office comprise the office premises at 25 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1LA and can you advise what is the most recent valuation of the Crown Office.</p> <p>2. What works will be carried out under this project and when.</p> <p>3. Was this project and the funding quoted approved by the Scottish Government (as it presumably was given the substantial grant aid provided) and if so by which Directorate.</p> <p>4. What is the total square footage and square metre age of the building and what is the cost per square foot - or per square metre.</p> <p>5. Do the total costs mentioned include any costs of decant.</p>	23 May 2024	Part Provided
R-11942-24	request for a statutory declaration form for the absence of xxxx at a hearing	21 May 2024	Not Held
R-11943-24	<p>The article concerns [redacted] with the Major Investigation Team in Glasgow. In the article Police Scotland stated that the two were the subject of a report to The Crown. The Crown Office also stated that the report was "in connection with alleged incidents taking place between January 2005 and June 2012"</p> <p>These incidents were reported to The Crown by the Counter Corruption Unit and related to allegations of fraud and data protection breaches.</p> <p>The Crown Office also stated that "the reports are under consideration of the Criminal Allegations Against The Police Division".</p>	23 May 2024	Exempt

	My request is for the Crown Office to disclose their decision as to whether either should stand trial. If so, dates and outcomes.		
R-11944-24	Death Case & FAI Info	09 May 2024	Exempt
R-11971-24	I would be most grateful if you could provide the following information in relation to two dates in each instance. The first date is for the financial year 2006/07. The second is for the most recent financial year for which information is available (presumably 2023/24 but if those figures are not yet available then for 2022/23, please). For each of those two dates, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:- •1.The annual spend for all COPFS costs; •2.The annual spend for all COPFS staff salaries and associated staff costs; •3.The annual spend for salaries and associated staff costs for legally qualified COPFS staff; •4. The total number of legally qualified staff employed by COPFS; •5 The total number of trainee solicitors employed by COPFS. •6. The annual salary paid to a newly-qualified PF Depute.	28 May 2024	Part Provided
R-11984-24	under Abusive Behaviour And Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 S2(1)-Disclose/threaten to disclose photograph/film which shows another person in an intimate situation. If we can have the charges reported, charges prosecuted and convicted each year for last 3 years,	29 May 2024	Provided
R-11985-24	My Freedom of information request is as follows; regarding the internal workings of COPFS, criminal prosecution and prosecution policy. I am correct to think the Procurator Fiscal have a legal duty to follow DVLA Protocols in the same way as the Police, in short "Regulation 72 states that in order to commit the offence of failing a roadside test, the eyesight test, that must be conducted in good daylight". I refer to the following information: Road sight number plate reading on a vehicle. Section 96 provides the police the power to require a driver to submit to a roadside eyesight test if they suspect the driver has defective eyesight. Regulation 72 states that in order to commit	29 May 2024	Not Valid

	the offence of failing a roadside test, the eyesight test, that must be conducted in good daylight.		
R-11991-24	I was wondering if you have an updated list of "Specialist Reporting Agencies"?	30 May 2024	Provided
R-12011-24	<p>Please provide the following under the freedom of information (Scotland) act 2002:</p> <p>A) Any recorded measures in place to rightfully drop the charges against any COPFS employee who maybe seeking out sexual intercourse with an adult prostitute in anyway as well as any measures in place to drop any charges against an adult genetic or trans female prostitute for providing the sought after sexual intercourse.</p> <p>B) Any recorded policy if held by the organisations anti-corruption unit, that rightfully states that identified cases of any PFs that maybe having consensual sexual intercourse with adult prostitutes should be disregarded, irregardless of the PFs gender or sexuality or the sexuality of the trans or genetic female prostitutes they maybe having sexual intercourse with. Irrespective of if that sexual intercourse maybe occurring in a home, in public area, or on Crown property.</p> <p>C) Any provisions to uphold the privacy of COPFS personal of any gender or sexuality who maybe having sexual intercourse with adult prostitutes as well as privacy measures to uphold the privacy of such genetic or trans female adult prostitutes.</p>	31 May 2024	Withdrawn
R-12013-24	<p>1. does the Lord Advocate have the authority to dismiss a convicted persons charges if they believe based on a review of the evidence let at trial or based on new fresh evidence that has emerged that there has been a miscarriage of justice?</p> <p>2. Does the Lord Advocate have the authority to apply to the appeal court and recommend a convicted persons charges are quashed if they believe based on evidence a miscarriage of justice has occurred.</p>	03 June 2024	Not Valid

	3. If the Lord Advocate does have these powers, please provide a paper copy of the law and statutory instruments that govern these powers.		
R-12021-24	<p>The information that we require is as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Do you use a social media management platform? 2) If so, what tools do you use? 3) What is your annual spend on a Social media management tool? 4) What dates does your contract with your current supplier end (month & year) ? 5)Do you use a social listening / media monitoring platform? 6) If so, what tools do you use? 7) What is your annual spend on a social listening / media monitoring tool? 8) What dates does your contract with your current supplier end (month & year) 9) Who is the senior person responsible for managing these contracts? 	03 June 2024	Not Held
R-12031-24	<p>Can you please send me the corporate risk register and all of the other Papers mentioned.</p> <p>For clarity this would be:</p> <p>RC Paper 17 (2024) (COPFS Corporate Risk Register Update Report)</p> <p>RC Paper 17A (2024) (COPFS Corporate Risk Register)</p> <p>RC Paper 8</p> <p>RC Paper 15</p> <p>RC Paper 16 (2024) COPFS Falkirk Net Zero Funding Bid</p> <p>RC Paper 16 A (2024) Scottish Central Government Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme 2021-2026</p> <p>RC Paper 16 B (2024) Business Case – Falkirk COPFS Low Carbon Retrofit</p>	04 June 2024	Part Provided

	RC Paper 16 C (2024) COPFS Estates Transformation Strategy Update RC Paper 16 D (2024) COPFS Glasgow And West Of Scotland Development Funding Request		
R-12032-24	1) How many hate crimes have been to the Procurator Fiscal in Scotland since April 1 2024 under the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021? Please break the figures down into each separate category of hate crime. For clarification, this would be a breakdown for each category of hate crime of the substantive charge to which the hate crime aggravator is attached. 2) In relation to the hate crimes reported to the Procurator Fiscal since 1 April 2024 under the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021, please provide a breakdown showing the initial decision taken by Procurators Fiscal on how the charges would proceed. For example: how many of the hate crimes it was decided would be dealt with via court proceedings or be dealt with using alternatives to prosecution including fiscal fines and other direct measures.	04 June 2024	Provided
R-12052-24	staff training/polices in relation to trauma related mental health issues and autism	05 June 2024	Provided
R-12062-24	I wonder whether you would be able to confirm whether Fatal Accident Inquires will be undertaken in relation to the deaths of the following women killed between 2018 and 2024: [redacted]	03 June 2024	Refused
R-12063-24	Case related information	07 June 2024	Not Held
R-12082-24	Case related information	12 June 2024	Exempt

R-12102-24	Can you tell me how many reports have been received where a COVID vaccination is believed to have caused or contributed to a death?	12 June 2024	Provided
R-12103-24	Case related information	13 June 2024	Exempt
R-12104-24	1. Does COPFS record when it makes a decision not to prosecute on the basis of its human trafficking policy? 2. If so, how often are COPFS deciding not to prosecute on this basis?	13 June 2024	Not Held
R-12106-24	.Does COPFS hold records created by COPFS (or agents acting on their behalf) relating to actual or prospective cases conducted at the Sheriff Courts at Tain or Dornoch, which date to prior to 1910? 2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, where are these records stored? 3. If the answer to question 1 is no, have these records been transferred to another body? 4. Have any such records been destroyed or otherwise disposed of within the last five years? 5. If answering question 4 requires too much resources, do any staff based at the Tain PF office remember any old records being destroyed or disposed of during their period of employment? 6. If any records survive, regardless of who holds them, has any catalogue been created of these records?	13 June 2024	Not Held
R-12108-24	I would like to request the following information regarding its use in Scotland Can you provide any information regarding the following: Q. 1 How many unsolved / unresolved murder cases in Scotland involving Familial DNA Searching have been undertaken on the Scottish National DNA Database since familial searching was introduced as a supplementary investigative tool in Scotland in 2013.? Q. 2. What were the outcomes in these cases that involved Familial DNA searching?	13 June 2024	Excessive cost

	<p>Q. 3</p> <p>Is there any information available from the Fiscal's Office relating to the outcome of these cases as a result of having used Familial DNA Searching as part of the investigations into them?</p>		
R-12122-24	<p>I wish to make contact, again i leave my number for this to be done, i requested this on my first contact and wish for this to be respected.</p> <p>a full request for copies of all interactions between me and your firm including notes and emails for any inhouse discussions/notes/emails both private and company is now requested under the FOI.</p>	14 June 2024	Withdrawn
R-12128-24	Case related information / documents	14 June 2025	Exempt
R-12129-24	<p>Please provide me with a table detailing the following:</p> <p>A) The number of new Fatal Inquiries launched in each of the last five years</p> <p>B) The number of Fatal Accident Inquiries concluded in each of the last five years</p> <p>C) The number of active Fatal Accident Inquiries outstanding at the end of the year in each of the last five years</p>	17 June 2024	Part Provided
R-12153-24	<p>1. How much revenue has been received by your organisation for services rendered to film and television productions? This could include location rental, permits and all other services related to film productions using your personnel or resources.</p> <p>2. Please outline the type of work or service rendered, in each case and disclose the revenue received for each type of service.</p> <p>3. How much has your organisation spent on facilitating such arrangements between 2014/15 to 2022/23, inclusive, broken down by year?</p>	20 June 2024	Not Held

R-12156-24	Case related information / documents	17 June 2024	Exempt
R-12162-24	<p>In relation to the upcoming sustainability works at Crown Office:</p> <p>1 Can you please confirm the total cost of the works are 11 .35 million.</p> <p>This is the figure I get by multiplying the square metre age by the cost per square metre. Namely £ 2642 per square metre by 4296 (sq metres)</p> <p>2 Have the works been done ie completed</p> <p>3. Is it too late to stop in the grounds that the costs cannot be justified in relation to the value ?</p> <p>4. If it is not- will the COPFS review the decision to spend two and a half times the value of the building on these works ? Will they consult the Scottish Government on this in the basis spending 11.3 million on a building worth only 4.75 million seems totally irrational unjustifiable and a total failure in the duty under finance manual rules to secure value for money in spending taxpayers hard earned cash</p> <p>5 Finally who - which Minister if any approved this scheme, and did the Permanent Secretary approve it ?</p>	20 June 2024	Part Provided
R-12171-24	I would like to see your submission for the TIDE Award in 2023 and any submission in 2024. Please also release how much money was paid to be a member in these years.	22 June 2024	Part Provided
R-12191-24	Copies of the relevant application forms needed to bring an action of 'Judicial Review' and instructions and procedures to submit them.	25 June 2024	Not Held

R-12201-24	Case related information	25 June 2024	Exempt
R-12222-24	<p>The aircraft type (Chinook HC Mk2) was not airworthy, but a false declaration made to aircrew on 22 November 1993 by the [redacted], that it was.</p> <p>2. The implementation of the safety critical software controlling the aircraft's fuel computers was 'positively dangerous', and this was known by the RAF before [redacted] issued his declaration.</p> <p>3. Hence, aircrew were not permitted to rely upon the aircraft 'in any way' - but were not told this. [redacted] confirmed this was 'mandated' upon the RAF, at paragraph 2.2.8 to his Mull of Kintyre Review. In practice, this meant engine start-up was prohibited, the use confined to ground training and familiarisation. This was reaffirmed by MoD on 28 February 2012, in letter DE&S Helicopters 10-010-2012-163711-002).</p> <p>4. Physical evidence crucial to establishing the accident timeline, and important to eliminating (or establishing) cause, was removed from the scene by the police and/or security services prior to investigators arriving, and was not examined.</p>	19 June 2024	Not Held
R-12242-24	<p>In 2013 COPFS ran a pilot to increase jail sentences in Edinburgh for those guilty of housebreaking</p> <p>Can you advise if this pilot was successful and share any results</p>	26 June 2024	Provided
R-12243-24	Case info/documents	26 June 2024	Part Provided

R-12247-24	<p>Please can you supply a copy of COPFS policy regarding retention and access to Fatal Accident Inquiries records. It is noted that they are supplied to the National Records of Scotland so please confirm that aspect of the policy as well.</p> <p>It is noted elsewhere that advice has been supplied that COPFS does not retain papers related to Fatal Accident Inquiries after 5 years.</p> <p>Please advise how the policy complies with the requirements of section 34 of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc (Scotland) Act 2016.</p>	02 July 2024	Exempt
R-12251-24	Request for Information relating to a death	04 July 2024	Exempt
R-12261-24	The proportion of prosecutors based at the Dundee COPFS office who have accessed the Autism Awareness training (which is available to all staff and delivered by Autism Initiatives) as of today, 5/7/24	05 July 2024	Provided
R-12285-24	Case related information	05 July 2024	Exempt
R-12286-24	Case related information	08 July 2024	Exempt
R-12287-24	FAI case related information	08 July 2024	Exempt

R-12291-24	<p>As part of some articles I am planning into the way in which we investigate suspicious deaths in Scotland, I'm keen to know how many forensic pathologists we have in Scotland and how many post mortems they have to conduct each year, and how this year's tally compares with recent years, say the last five full years for which figures are available.</p> <p>I also understand that there are gaps in provision and expertise, especially in relation to infants, and would like to know how many post-mortems for Scottish deaths are having to be conducted by pathologists from elsewhere in the UK.</p> <p>I also understand that we do not at present have a forensic pathologist qualified to carry out a post mortem on an infant in cases where the death might be suspicious/unexplained. Can you explain how we investigate such deaths and where the necessary expertise comes from?</p>	10 July 2024	Provided
R-12306-24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is your current mobile phone provider? 2. How many mobile connections? 3. When is the contract up for renewal? 4. The name and email address of the primary contact for this contract? 	11 July 2024	Provided
R-12307-24	<p>Can you confirm COPFS have received a report from Police Scotland into the handling of an operation by Strathclyde Police, which commenced in 2005.</p> <p>What are the details of this report?</p> <p>We understand this report was passed on to senior lawyers in COPFS to determine whether any criminal offences were committed by police during this investigation (commencing 2005). Can you provide details of any criminal offences by officers?</p> <p>Are investigations into this report still active?</p> <p>If not, when did they cease to be active and why?</p> <p>Can you provide details of individuals identified as being involved in criminal offences as part of this investigation.</p>	09 August 2024	Refused

	We have evidence from a COPFS source that this report also raised systemic issues present within Strathclyde Police. Can you provide details of these systemic issues?		
R-12308-24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of contracts you have awarded to supported businesses in each of the last five financial years (i.e.. 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24). 2. The cumulative value of your spend on these contracts in each of these years. 3. For of these years, the number of contracts awarded to supported businesses that you have utilised by any procurement body of which you are member. 4. The cumulative value of spend by you on those contracts awarded by any procurement body of which you are a member in each of these years. 	11 July 2024	Provided
R-12313-24	I am emailing to enquire as to where the procurator fiscal services stand on someone in court standing up giving a statement and also declaring there disability to explain there behaviourisms to a jury and the procurator dismissing it and making it out to be rubbish and felt discrimination toward those with disabilitys and also making the witness look not credible due to there disability?	12 July 2024	Not Valid
R-12324-24	<p>Can you please tell me how many reports the COPFS has received from Police Scotland about illegal e-scooter use in the past five years (or as far back as data allows)? Can you provide a breakdown by year and location?</p> <p>How many such reports have been prosecuted? How many resulted in conviction? Can you specify the nature of any prosecutions and convictions (e.g how many for using an e-scooter illegally in public without valid licence or insurance, how many for careless or dangerous driving?) What were the disposals/sentences in the conviction cases?</p>	15 July 2024	Part Provided
R-12331-24	Powers of the Lord Advocate	25 June 2024	Not Valid

R-12343-24	Case related information	16 July 2024	Exempt
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R-12344-24	Case related information	17 July 2024	Exempt
R-12361-24	Death case investigation	17 July 2024	Exempt
R-12381-24	As far as we are aware, we haven't heard of any animal welfare offences that have been taken on solemn proceedings. Would it be possible for the Unit to confirm this for us please?	16 July 2024	Provided
R-12382-24	Case related information	22 July 2024	Exempt
R-12383-24	<p>As of the date of this request, please can you tell me the total costs incurred by your organisation in relation to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry public inquiry.</p> <p>If possible, please can you provide a breakdown of these costs (such as legal, staffing or the hire of external consultants).</p> <p>And please can you tell how much, if any, of this expense has been reimbursed by the public inquiry as per its mechanism for some participants to claim back legal expenses incurred.</p>	22 July 2024	Provided

	Again, if possible, please provide any details you hold of how much human resource has gone into your Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry commitments (such as the number of staffing hours taken so far or how many officials have worked on the responses).		
R-12384-24	<p>As of the date of this request, please can you tell me the total costs incurred by your organisation in relation to the Sheku Bayoh public inquiry.</p> <p>If possible, please can you provide a breakdown of these costs (such as legal, staffing or the hire of external consultants).</p> <p>And please can you tell how much, if any, of this expense has been reimbursed by the public inquiry as per its mechanism for some participants to claim back legal expenses incurred.</p> <p>Again, if possible, please provide any details you hold of how much human resource has gone into your Sheku Bayoh public inquiry commitments (such as the number of staffing hours taken so far or how many officials have worked on the responses).</p>	22 July 2024	Provided
R-12405-24	<p>I am a member of the public.</p> <p>Please could you let me know the complaint structure in the NHS?</p> <p>If someone wants to complain about the senior management at a NHS hospital to the NHS, what is the procedure? (apart from the internal PALS office).</p> <p>The CEO of the NHS hospital is a qualified medical doctor.</p> <p>Who appoints the CEO of a NHS hospital?</p> <p>Who is responsible for the behaviour of the CEO of a NHS hospital?</p> <p>Which government body is responsible? (The Prime Minister? The health Secretary? NHS England? Your local MP?)</p>	24 July 2024	Not Held
R-12406-24	Can I ask for the following information please (FOI Request):	23 July 2024	Provided

	<p>1. How many individuals were the subject of police reports to the COPFS from Police Scotland in 2022 and 2023 regards alleged financial offences committed by someone holding either financial power of attorney or financial guardianship when the alleged victim of the offences was the adult subject to the financial Power of Attorney or financial guardianship?</p> <p>2. How many individuals were the subject of cases were lodged with court in 2022 or 2023 after reports were received by the COPFS from Police Scotland 2023 regards alleged financial offences committed by someone holding either financial power of attorney or financial guardianship when the alleged victim of the offences was the adult subject to the financial Power of Attorney or financial guardianship?</p> <p>3. How many individuals were convicted of financial offences in 2022 and 2023 after reports were received by the COPFS from Police Scotland regards alleged financial offences committed by someone holding either financial power of attorney or financial guardianship when the alleged victim of the offences was the adult subject to the financial Power of Attorney or financial guardianship?</p>		
R-12412-24	Case Information	22 July 2024	Exempt
R-12423-24	Case Information	25 July 2024	Exempt
R-12424-24	<p>Instead, I am seeking the following information:</p> <p>1. Confirmation or denial of whether 7 monks from St Ninians were, at the direction of then Lord Advocate Colin Boyd, not brought to Scotland to answer allegations of abuse.</p> <p>2. If this action did take place, what were the grounds for this decision?</p>	23 July 2024	Refused

	3. Information regarding why [redacted]stated at the time that she did not have time to interview all the people making allegations.		
R-12425-24	1) does the NUH unit tender genealogical research in UH estates to any firms to trace missing relatives 2) If tendered who are the firms used 3) If not tendered does the NUH perform any in house research in tracing family in UH estates?	26 July 2024	Part Provided
R-12432-24	Case information	26 July 2024	Exempt
R-12444-24	In relation to Crown Office decarbonisation works: Please advise me of the updated estimate (if any) of the total cost of the works.	18 July 2024	Provided
R-12448-24	Please provide information for each of the following periods: 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021, 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022, 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023, and 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024. In Scotland: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What was the total number of people referred by the police to the procurator fiscal for possession of a controlled drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act ('MDA')? Please provide the data broken down by age, gender, and self-identified ethnicity. Please provide the answers in the Question 1 table in the Appendix.2. What was the total number of people referred by the police to the procurator fiscal for possession of a controlled drug under the MDA and who were prosecuted by the procurator fiscal for the same offence? Please provide the data broken down by age, gender, and self-identified ethnicity. Please provide the answers in the Question 2 table in the Appendix.	30 July 2024	Provided

3. What was the total number of people referred by the police to the procurator fiscal for possession of a controlled drug under the MDA and who received an alternative to prosecution ('direct measure')? Please provide the data broken down by age, gender, and self-identified ethnicity. Please provide the answers in the Question 3 table in the Appendix.

4. Of those who received an alternative to prosecution, how many received a fixed penalty fine? Please provide the data broken down by age, gender, and self-identified ethnicity. Please provide the answers in the Question 4 table in the Appendix.

5. Of those who received an alternative to prosecution, how many received a compensation offer? Please provide the data broken down by age, gender, and self-identified ethnicity. Please provide the answers in the Question 5 table in the Appendix.

6. Of those who received an alternative to prosecution, how many received a combined offer? Please provide the data broken down by age, gender, and self-identified ethnicity. Please provide the answers in the Question 6 table in the Appendix.

7. Of those who received an alternative to prosecution, how many received a fiscal work offer? Please provide the data broken down by age, gender, and self-identified ethnicity. Please provide the answers in the Question 7 table in the Appendix.

8. Of those who received an alternative to prosecution, how many received a diversion from prosecution? Please provide the data broken down by age, gender, and self-identified ethnicity. Please provide the answers in the Question 8 table in the Appendix.

9. Of those who received an alternative to prosecution, how many received a procurator fiscal warning? Please provide the data broken down by age, gender, and self-identified ethnicity. Please provide the answers in the Question 9 table in the Appendix.

If answering all the above questions exceeds the costs limit, then please prioritise providing a response to questions 1-3 and exclude questions 4-9.

R-12451-24	<p>1) Whether [redacted] charge of embezzlement in relation to Operation Branchform has been taken and implemented by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. If it has been taken and implemented, please state on what date this was completed.</p> <p>2) Please state whether [redacted] charge is being treated as a summary or solemn case.</p> <p>3) Whether the Crown Agent is the leading Crown Office official in charge of the investigation, following public reports that the Lord Advocate and Solicitor General had recused themselves and if so, when was the last time he was updated on the progress of the case. Please also state whether any Scottish Ministers have been updated on the progress of the case (including the Lord Advocate and Solicitor General).</p> <p>4) Any public interest assessments the Crown Office have made in relation to the [redacted] charge, including what information the Crown Office believes is appropriate or inappropriate to disclose publicly about the case.</p> <p>5) Whether [redacted] has requested any information in relation to his case and if so, has he been instructed not to pass on this information to his spouse given she has been arrested in connection with the same investigation.</p> <p>6) Whether any victim has requested information from the Crown Office in relation to this case and if so whether any information was provided.</p> <p>By taken and implemented I mean in respect of case marking as set out in this Scottish Government criminal justice monitoring report here: https://www.gov.scot/publications/criminal-justice-monitoring-data-monthly-statistics/</p>	30 July 2024	Pat Provided
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R-12466-24	Case Information	31 July 2024	Exempt
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R-12472-24	Police and court records	02 August 2024	Refused
R-12491-24	Case Information	05 August 2024	Exempt
R-12502-24	Case Information	04 August 2024	Exempt
R-12523-24	Case Information	06 August 2024	Refused
R-12528-24	<p>1 How many patients were referred to procurator fiscal from an nhs hospital admitted from home had safeguarding concerns. What are the main reasons for reporting under safeguarding concerns?</p> <p>2 How many patients admitted from a nursing home into an nhs hospital were referred to procurator fiscal had safeguarding concerns? What were the main reasons for reporting?</p> <p>3 How many patients are referred to procurator fiscal from a nursing home had safeguarding concerns? What were the main reasons for reporting?</p>	07 August 2024	Not held
R-12543-24	<p>1. From September 1st 2023 until now, how many people in Scotland have been arrested and charged with "Police Assault"?</p> <p>2. Of those charged with "Police Assault" since September 1st, 2023, how many has the COPFS decide to prosecute?</p>	07 August 2024	Part Provided

	3.How many of those prosecutions has the COPFS abandoned (aeternum) "due to the impact" they (the prosecutions) were having on the "health" of those who had been charged with the heinous crime of "Police Assault"?		
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R-12545-24	FAI information	07 August 2024	Refused
R-12547-24	Lockerbie Case information	08 August 2024	Exempt
R-12563-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have there been any procedural changes within NUHU or directives issued by K&LTR since 2019 that would affect the processing and advertisement of estates? • What are the current procedures followed by NUHU when a death is reported by external sources (e.g., police, hospitals, or nursing homes)? • Has there been any shift in policy regarding the criteria for listing estates on the NUHU website, particularly concerning the speed and thoroughness of initial investigations? • Are there specific reasons for the apparent decline in the number of estates advertised since the beginning of 2024, compared to pre-COVID levels? 	09 August 2024	Part Provided
R-12571-24	<p>My request relates to data from the following years, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and for 2024 up to the present day.</p> <p>For each of those years, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many referrals to prosecute did the Crown receive from its CAPPD division in relation to criminal complaints about Police Scotland 2. How many reports from PIRC did the CAPPD division receive in those years from PIRC in relation to criminal complaints against Police Scotland 	24 October 2024	Part Provided

	<p>3. How many prosecutions by the Crown have taken place over each year against Police Scotland in a court of law</p> <p>4. How many convictions have been achieved by the Crown for each case it took to court against Police Scotland and how many failed to achieve a conviction and how many failed to proceed</p> <p>5. How many trained Solicitors work for CAAPD</p> <p>6. How many cases against Police Scotland by the Crown were settled before a trial and what was the reason, e.g plea bargain etc</p> <p>7. How many criminal complaints have been received by CAPPD in relation to Chief Constables off Police Scotland and how many off these were passed to the Crown to prosecute?</p> <p>8. How many criminal charges have been brought against Chief Constables by the Crown in those years?</p> <p>9. How many criminal complaints have CAPPD received from PIRC in relation to the Executive Team off Police Scotland (excluding the Chief Constable here as I've asked that separately in Q7) ?</p> <p>10. How many of the complaints from Q9 did CAAPD proceed to the crown office for prosecution?</p> <p>11. How many of the CAAPD referrals in Q10 against the senior team at Police Scotland proceed to charges in a court of law?</p> <p>12 can you give a list off the alleged criminal offences CAAPD received in reports from PIRC, how many of said allegations were made and against what rank off officer these were made, e.g we received 20 allegations off assault in 2020, 5 were against police custody staff, 15 were made against police constables etc, I don't need it broken down any more than that, just basic facts and numbers please.</p>	
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	<p>13. How many referrals from CAAPD have been sent to the Crown in each off those years to prosecute that the Crown rejected and did not proceed, and what were the reasons stated for rejection</p> <p>14. How many appeals against outcomes not to proceed has CAAPD/Crown office received in each year?</p> <p>15. How many appeals were successful and what action was then taken?</p> <p>16. How many appeals were unsuccessful and what reasons were given for rejection?</p> <p>17. Who deals with appeals against outcomes off investigations?, someone at CAAPD or is it the Crown office or a seperate division?</p> <p>18. How many complaints has the crown received in relation to the criminal complaint process from victims off crime, please breakdown what the complaints were, e.g timeframes, lack of communication , complaints about CAAPD/PIRC etc?</p> <p>19. How many complaints made by victims in relation to the criminal complaint process were upheld and detail any action taken.</p> <p>20. How many complaints raised by victims of crime in relation to the criminal complaint process were not upheld and the reasons given for this.</p>		
R-12575-24	I am asking if you undertake genealogical research into possible Ultimus Haeres cases. If so do you outsource to any private companies to undertake this or do you do it in-house?	12 August 2024	Not Held
R-12576-24	Case Information	09 Augus 2024	Exempt

R-12577-24	<p>1 - What specific powers do specialist reporting agency's have?</p> <p>2 How many times have specialist reporting agencies reported and prosecuted alleged crimes in Scotland since 2020 please?</p> <p>3 Can you provide details of each case please. ie - which SRAs brought the case, what was the charge, and how many of those prosecutions have been successful?</p> <p>4 Have any companies been stripped of their powers to investigate and report crimes in Scotland since 2020? Can you say which ones and why?</p>	09 August 2024	Part Provided
R-12602-24	Can I be provided with the legislation evidence that a confiscation/compensation masquerading as a fine or a fine can be rewritten back to be paid	13 August 2024	Exempt
R-12603-24	Can I please request the ethnicity of those convicted from 2018 to 2022	13 August 2024	Exempt
R-12604-24	I would like to request the costs of trials.	13 August 2024	Not Held
R-12605-24	How many false rape allegations have been reported to COPFS in 2024.	13 August 2024	Provided
R-12613-24	Case information	15 August 2024	Exempt

R-12614-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I request the date and time the Procurator Fiscal in Kirkcaldy received my witness statement and my parents witness statements? Which individual from Fife Council submitted the witness statements to the Procurator Fiscal in Kirkcaldy? 	15 August 2024	Exempt
R-12632-24	Case information	19 August 2024	Exempt
R-12633-24	I would like to receive up to date salaries of PF Glasgow and PF depute.	19 August 2024	Refused
R-12634-24	Case related information	20 August 2024	Exempt
R-12635-24	<p>I'd like to make an FOI request regarding legal costs associated when one partner in a relationship, for example a married couple, takes legal action against the other, in particular, when allegations of domestic violence are involved and there's an historical shared financial status, such as joint bank account, mortgage, children etc.</p> <p>I've heard from several people in such relationships who've been charged with a domestic incident and have subsequently been refused Legal Aid, usually because of their income, only to find that the defence lawyer they thought they'd hired on a private basis is now being paid for by "someone?" on securement of a conviction?</p> <p>Is there a pool of money set aside to cater for such instances or are lawyers directed to provide services pro bono and if it's the latter, is it voluntary?</p>	17 August 2024	Not Held
R-12637-24	how many cases of financial crimes i.e. product mis-sales & securitised mortgage frauds, referred to Police Scotland, have been issued with crime numbers and passed to the COPFS for investigation since SNP took power?	19 August 2024	Excessive Cost

R-12646-24	11. CAAPD stated it carries out legal assessment – who at CAPPD conducts legal assessments? Is this a qualified Solicitor or is it unqualified administrative staff? 12. How many Solicitors that are registered with the Law Society in Scotland work at CAAPD and are reviewing criminal complaints and making legal decisions based upon the law and fact and not an unqualified opinion?	08 August 2024	Provided
R-12654-24	Request for case related information/documentation	21 August 2024	Refused
R-12655-24	Request for case related information/documentation	21 August 2024	Refused
R-12656-24	We would like to know how many witnesses attend trials each month in recent years per local area in Scotland. If there is information on how many cases are dropped because witnesses fail to attend, it would also be very helpful.	22 August 2024	Excessive Cost
R-12676-24	How many charges have been reported to the COPFS under Section 9 4A and 4B, 26 4A and 4B and 36 4A and 4B of the Sexual Offences Scotland Act 2009, since 27 July 2018, broken down by year	22 August 2024	Provided
R-12677-24	Request for case related information	23 August 2024	Exempt
R-12678-24	Deaths case information	20 August 2024	Not Held
R-12679-24	Case information/documents	23 August 2024	Not Held

R-12681-24	Case information	23 August 2024	Exempt
R-12682-24	“Could you advise if there have been previous cases dealt with by the Children’s Reporter where there are multiple allegations of sexual assault from several individuals?”	13 August 2024	Provided
R-12695-24	case files request and any other relevant information regarding the fatal accident on [redacted]	26 August 2024	Exempt
R-12702-24	<p>Specifically, I would like the following information from January 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024, please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The number of accused persons who appeared at Glasgow Sheriff Court and Glasgow High Court, who were registered as having “no fixed abode”. Could you please break this down by year and by court, preferably in a table in a Word or Excel document? 	26 August 2024	Not Held
R-12705-24	<p>Specifically, I would like the following information from January 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024, please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The number of accused persons who appeared at Glasgow Sheriff Court and Glasgow High Court, who were known to stay at emergency accommodation provided by Glasgow City Council, at the time of their court appearance. Could you please break this down by year and by court, preferably in a table in a Word or Excel document? 	26 August 2024	Not Held
R-12706-24	<p>Specifically, I would like the following information from January 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024, please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The number of times sentencing was deferred at Glasgow Sheriff Court and Glasgow High Court, for the accused to find suitable accommodation. Could you please break this down by year and by court, preferably in a table in a Word or Excel document? 	26 August 2024	Excessive Cost

R-12711-24	Can you send me the prosecution policy's relating to historical sexual abuse	26 August 2024	Not Held
R-12741-24	Murder case information: Case Number, Court Judgments, Evidence Presented, Sentencing Remarks	23 August 2024	Exempt
R-12743-24	Case information / documents	27 August 2024	Provided
R-12744-24	Case related information	26 August 2024	Exempt
R-12754-24	What was the newly-qualified (NQ) salary for a solicitor at the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, and what was the pension contribution, in each year from 2010 to 2024 inclusive?	29 August 2024	Part Provided
R-12755-24	Case related information	20 August 2024	Refused
R-12806-24	Case related information	02 September 2024	Exempt
R-12807-24	Could you provide copies of the following documents: Template of the employment contract issued to new employees, Your pay policy, Your maternity policy, Your paternity policy, Your pay bands / grades / scales for the years 2022-23 and 2023-24, The number of days annual leave offered to new employees, and explain how this increases over time, Whether employees are allowed to buy and sell annual leave. If so, how many days? How many days of annual leave employees can carry over from one year to the next? The	30 August 2024	Part Provided

	number of days employees are allowed to volunteer for (paid)? The number of days employees are allowed to volunteer for (unpaid)? Sickness entitlement of employees e.g. months paid at the full rate, half rate, , what qualifying period? Whether the organisation closes between Xmas and New Year? % employer pension contributions, % employee pension contributions.		
R-12831-24	COPFS Policy	30 August 2024	Exempt
R-12832-24	<p>I would like to know</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the definition you use for single charge possession cases? 2. The number of diversions offered for single charge possession cases in Scotland in the year 2022/23 and 2023/24? 3. The number of diversions offered for single charge possession cases in the City of Edinburgh in the year 2022/23 and 2023/24? 4. What, if any, systems/metrics the COPFS has in place to determine effectiveness of the diversion scheme ie. whether individuals are more or less likely to reoffend having gone through diversion schemes? 5. Whether there are regional disparities in the success of diversion schemes? 6. Whether those who successfully complete a diversion programme have a criminal record? 7. A confirmation that the diversions discussed in the questions aforementioned are solely related to cases referred to the 'Procurator Fiscal' and not to 'Recorded Police Warnings'. 	04 Sept 2024	Part Provided
R-12833-24	COPFS Staff/Previous staff information	05 Sept 2024	Refused

R-12835-24	<p>In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could comply with the following request.</p> <p>Could you please inform me how many charges have been reported to the COPFS under section 2 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016, broken down by year, since its introduction.</p>	05 Sept 2024	Provided
R-12836-24	<p>1. When the person made a request for information under section 6 of the Victims and Witnesses Act 2014 in relation to Operation Branchform and when the Crown Office responded to this request with information. 2) Under sub-section 2 of section 6, what did the Crown Office classify the requester as? 3) The information that was requested and the information the Crown Office provided.</p>	06 Sept 2024	Exempt
R-12841-24	<p>Scottish Hazards is an occupational health and safety charity providing advice and support to families who have lost loved ones at work.</p> <p>We are aware that the COPFS is looking to set up a Lived Experience Panel and this work is being taken forward by the Specialist Casework Death Investigation Improvement Board.</p> <p>The information we are seeking under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 is as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The date the Specialist Casework Death Investigation Improvement Board was initiated. 2. The number of times the Specialist Casework Death Investigation Improvement Board has met. 3. The date the Board first discussed proposals for a Lived Experience Panel and dates of any subsequent meetings where the Lived Experience Panel has been discussed. 4. Minutes or notes of any meetings of the Board where the Lived Experience Panel has been discussed. 	06 September 2024	Part Provided
R-12857-24	Case Information	09 Sept 2024	Refused
R-12882-24	<p>1. Immediate access to all evidence pertaining to the aforementioned case references [redacted], or at the very least a formal response confirming when such evidence will be made available.</p>	21 August 2024	Exempt

	<p>2. A full explanation for the delay in providing this information.</p> <p>3. Confirmation that the requested evidence will be provided within the statutory 30-day period from the date of this letter, in line with the requirements under the Data Protection Act 2018.</p>		
R-12894-24	<p>This kind of Letter of Engagement as stated by XXXX is used in 'certain' cases. Per FOISA 2002, please advise me of information contained in your records of what 'certain cases' means?</p>	11 Sept 2024	Provided
R-12896-24	<p>Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am requesting the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) press and/or communications and/or media officers employed over the last five financial years (broken down by year). 2) The total cost (including salaries, benefits, and other associated costs) of employing these press and/or communications and/or media officers over the last five financial years (broken down by year). 	11 Sept 2024	Provided
R-12897-24	<p>Under Freedom of information, can you tell me how many rape cases have been dealt with under diversion from prosecution guidelines since 14th of July 2023?</p> <p>Can you tell me how of the rape cases that were being looked at under diversion from prosecution guidelines were referred to court since 14th of July 2023?</p> <p>Can you also please tell me how many cases of teens aged 12-15 accused of rape were referred to the Children's Reporter from April 2023- April 2024?</p> <p>And also please tell me how many cases of teens aged 12-15 accused of rape were referred to the Children's Reporter from April 2024 - September 1 2024?</p>	11 Sept 2024	Provided
R-12901-24	<p>"1. Copy of the Rules of The Court 2. Copy of the Rules of Disclosure 3. Copy of Criminal Justice (Scotland) 2003 Act"</p>	12 Sept 2024	Not Held

R-12902-24	"How many people are convicted of sexual and domestic abuse since year 2018-2024."	12 Sept 2024	Not Held
R-12924-24	<p>Here are my questions:</p> <p>1.What is the role and relationship between the police and prosecutors in Scotland during the investigation, prosecution, and trial of a case? Additionally, how is the Scottish prosecution system structured?</p> <p>2.In cases where the prosecutor either supplements the investigation themselves or requests further investigation from the police, are there specific manuals, guidelines, or laws that prosecutors refer to?</p> <p>3.Are there materials used to train new prosecutors, particularly in relation to the procedures mentioned in question 2?</p> <p>4.In cases where prosecutors supplement an investigation without requesting further investigation from the police, what types of cases typically involve this direct investigative role? For example, I've seen that prosecutors may handle investigations in cases involving police misconduct or suspicious deaths—do police still play any role in such cases?</p> <p>5.Are Precognition Officers responsible for assisting prosecutors with their investigative work?</p> <p>6.How are the working spaces organized between prosecutors and Precognition Officers? Do they work in the same office, or separately? If separately, how many individuals typically share a workspace, and what are their roles?</p> <p>7.If prosecutors and Precognition Officers work in separate offices, are Precognition Officers assigned to specific prosecutors, or do they handle certain types of cases and collaborate with multiple prosecutors? Could you provide a specific example?</p> <p>8.When a prosecutor decides to conduct further investigation or requests additional investigation from the police, what role does the Precognition Officer play? For example, do they review the case files and provide feedback to the prosecutor, or do they simply carry out specific tasks as instructed?</p> <p>9.How do prosecutors and Precognition Officers typically communicate when dealing with cases forwarded from the police (e.g., orally, in writing, via email), and are there specific formats or templates used?</p>	11 Sept 2024	Part Provided

R-12925-24	1) The number of charged individuals under the Hate Crime Act since its introduction on April 1, 2024. 2) The number of convictions of individuals under the Hate Crime Act since its introduction. 3) The number of acquittals of individuals under the Hate Crime Act since its introduction. 4) The number of discontinued prosecutions of individuals initially charged under the Hate Crime Act since its introduction. 5) The average sentence for someone convicted under the Hate Crime Act since its introduction.	16 Sept 2024	Part Provided
R-12926-24	Case related information	16 Sept 2024	Exempt
R-12927-24	Case related information	12 Sept 2024	Exempt
R-12957-24	Case related information	19 Sept 2024	Exempt
R-12963-24	Case related information	19 Sept 2024	Refused
R-12967-24	Case related information	19 Sept 2024	Exempt

R-12971-24	1-Can you tell me the total amount of deaths reported to the COPFS from 2015-2024 separated by month and year? 2-Can you tell me how many deaths from 2020-2024 were reported to the COPFS due to suspected or probable COVID-19 separated by month, year and location of death? 3-What is the main reason suspected or probable COVID-19 deaths are reported?	23 Sept 2024	Part Provided
R-12983-24	Case information	23 Sept 2024	Exempt
R-13046-24	1)How many charges were recorded in 2022-23, 2023-24 and so far in 2024-25 where a statutory aggravator was attached for using a firework or pyrotechnic article against an emergency worker. 2)Please provide the outcome of these charges (whether they proceeded, if an alternative to prosecution occurred, or if a conviction was secured etc.)	02 October 2024	Provided
R-13047-24	Case related information	01 October 2024	Exempt
R-13048-24	Status of COPFS book of regulations	27 Sept 2024	Provided
R-13050-24	Numbers of children charged with drug related offences	02 October 2024	Provided
R-13052-24	I am seeking the following information:	02 October 2024	Provided

	<p>1. The number of occasions in which the Procurator Fiscal and Crown Office has made the decision to close a prosecution or in other words decide to no longer continue a prosecution after the completion of a criminal investigation.</p> <p>Please provide the number of occasions a prosecution has been closed broken down by calendar years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.</p> <p>2. The number of occasions in which a family or individual has appealed the Procurator Fiscal and Crown Office's decision to close a prosecution after the completion of a criminal investigation.</p> <p>Please provide the number of appeals broken down by calendar year 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.</p> <p>3. Please provide a % of the number of Procurator Fiscal and Crown Office decisions that were overturned, in turn reopening a prosecution, as a result of an individual's or family's appeal, and the % that were unsuccessful and dismissed and in turn saw a prosecution remain closed.</p> <p>Again please provide this in the calendar years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.</p> <p>In other words, I want to know get an idea of how many of the Procurator Fiscal and Crown Office's initial prosecution decisions change or remain unchanged after an appeal.</p>		
R-13061-24	Copies of FOI Responses (x60)	02 October 2024	Part Provided
R-13062-24	<p>1. How many people reported being victims of the act of Stealthing (defined as the practice of removing one's condom during sex without the knowledge and consent of one's partner) to Police Scotland in 2024?</p> <p>2. How many people reported being victims of the act of Stealthing (defined as the practice of</p>	02 October 2024	Not Held

	<p>removing one's condom during sex without the knowledge and consent of one's partner) to Police Scotland in 2023?</p> <p>3. How many people reported being victims of the act of Stealthing (defined as the practice of removing one's condom during sex without the knowledge and consent of one's partner) to Police Scotland in 2022?</p> <p>4. How many people were arrested by Police Scotland for the crime of stealthing in 2023?</p> <p>5. How many people were arrested by Police Scotland for the crime of stealthing in 2022?</p> <p>6. How many people were arrested by Police Scotland for the crime of stealthing in 2024?</p>		
R-13067-24	<p>Dear Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal (Scotland), Please can you provide stats for the last 5 years relating to failure to provide a sample without reasonable excuse specifically relating to the offence of DRUG drive. Specifically - 1. how many were charged with this offence. 2. How many were found not guilty. 3. Of those found not guilty how many related to the defence of needle phobia. 4. The Road Traffic Act includes a provision to give blood OR urine sample in relation to drug driving. How many urine samples have been given in relation to drug driving and what was the outcome / disposal at court. 5. Are there any stated cases relating to urine samples and drug driving, if so please provide links or lists 6. Any upheld defences relating to the fact that no limit has been set relating to urine, if so please provide links or lists.</p>	03 October 2024	Part Provided
R-13095-24	<p>is how does mental health effect the rates of homicides? so i was wondering if you could give me the information of, How many people who committed homicide was suffering with mental health issues during the time period of January 2019 to January 2023" and that you only want the information relating to, "people who have been convicted of homicide or who were found not guilty by reason of insanity.</p>	07 October 2024	Excessive Cost
R-13096-24	Case related information	07 October 2024	Exempt
R-13097-24	I would grateful if you could please advise whether information was released to the Sunday Mail as detailed in the attachment.	07 October 2024	Provided

R-13101-24	Case related information	05 October 2024	Exempt
R-13113-24	Case related information	08 October 2024	Refused
R-13115-24	In each of the last five years, how many people in total were convicted of sexual crimes. In each of the last five years, please provide the number of people convicted of sexual crimes who had previous convictions. Please provide a breakdown by year, and by type of sexual offence on the charge sheet.	08 October 2024	Not Held
R-13125-24	Case related information	09 October 2024	Refused
R-13126-24	Case related information	09 October 2024	Refused
R-13131-24	I am seeking the following information via the FOI process. The information that I am requesting is: When a charge has been made to an individual and referred to the PF for a decision, how many cases in the last 3 years have resulted in an offer of alternative to prosecution by means of payment of a fiscal fine? In the last 3 years, for all of those offered the above alternative, how many declined that offer and by doing so risked proceeding to a court trial? For the numbers that decline, in the last 3 years how many of those proceeded to a court trial?	10 October 2024	Provided

	<p>For those that did not proceed to a court trial, how many cases in the last 3 years resulted in no further action?</p> <p>I would be very grateful if it is possible to have this information.</p>		
R-13132-24	<p>Please could you disclose the number of reports of police assault/assaulting a police officer made to COPFS over the past four years?</p> <p>Could you please also disclose the number of these reports that were taken forward for prosecution?</p> <p>Can these be provided in a year-by-year breakdown, please?</p>	11 October 2024	Provided
R-13135-24	<p>On 7.10.24 Glasgow City Council said on Facebook the following: There was a 25% increase in reports of transgender identity aggravation charges 2023/24 with 84 charges reported in a compared to 67 in the previous year in Scotland." On writing to them to clarify they say they got these figures from you. Looking at your site is very vague though. Can you please tell me: You say there's a 25% increase but there is no note that the actual transgender population has increased immensely. So what are the ratios of transgender population to hate crime compared to last year? Please tell me exactly what these 84 transgender identity aggravation charges were for i.e., was it verbal abuse, physical abuse, rape, murder, etc? If it was verbal abuse - what were the exact words said? Is any of the TIAC for not believing a transgender person is the sex they declare they are? If any, how many were reported after the amended Hate Crime Law came into effect on 1.4.24? Were these TIACs merely self-reported or were they actually charged as crimes? Which of these crimes were committed by LGBTQIIA++ people against transgender people? What size of population does this cover?</p>	11 October 2024	Part Provided
R-13141-24	<p>1. In 2022-23 and 2023-24 how many people received a recorded police warning (RPW) for: Common assault. Housebreaking. Opening lockfast places. Offending including an allegation of a sexual offence. Racially aggravated conduct. Fraud.</p>	11 October 2024	Not Held

R-13151-24	Case related information	12 October 2024	Exempt
R-13152-24	Request for an update on when the review of how prosecutors deal with reports of sexual offences is available and when it is likely to be published.	12 October 2024	Provided
R-13153-24	Dear Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal (Scotland), 1-Can you tell me how many deaths submitted to the COPFS where COVID-19 was noted as the cause of death and this was disputed by the deceased family from 2020-2022? Please separate by year. 2-Can you tell me how many deaths where COVID-19 was noted as the cause but was later removed upon review or presentation of additional evidence from 2020-2022? Please separate by year.	14 October 2024	Excessive Cost
R-13154-24	Case related information	15 October 2024	Exempt
R-13192-24	1. In a breakdown of each of the past 8 years, how many domestic abuse offences have been reported to COPFS? 2. For the same period, how many of those cases have resulted in (a) conviction for a domestic abuse offence (b) no initial proceedings by COPFS 3. For those with no proceedings, how many were for insufficient evidence?	16 October 2024	Part Provided
R-13194-24	Case related information	17 October 2024	Refused

R-13198-24	Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, can you please provide: - the minutes of the September 2024 Executive Board meeting - copies of any papers presented to said board in relation to the introduction of a 35 hour week	18 October 2024	Part Provided
R-13221-24	Case related information	16 October 2024	Refused
R-13232-24	Case related information	17 October 2024	Refused
R-13233-24	Case related information	18 October 2024	Exempt
R-13242-24	Cost of COPFS proceedings/ Case related info	22 October 2024	Not Held
R-13244-24	Case related information	18 October 2024	Provided
R-13245-24	With regard to Detected Hate Crimes (recorded as Detected by Police Scotland) with a Transgender aggravator in Scotland For the following financial years: 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19 2019/20	20 October 2024	Withdrawn

	<p>2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24</p> <p>How many of the Detected Crimes were referred to the COPFS ? How many detected crimes were diverted from disposal by other than a court by the COPFS ? How many detected crimes resulted in a prosecution that went to court? How many of the crime that resulted in a prosecution that went to court, were found proven? How many resulted in fines? How many resulted in custodial sentence ? How many resulted in no further proceedings (or similar action) ? Since 2015, what Transgender groups has the COPFS consulted with to formulate decision making policy for these type of crimes ? (dates please)</p>		
R-13266-24	<p>Please can I request the following information:</p> <p>(1) Since 2022 how many wildlife crime cases have been received by the COPFS? (If possible, can you break this down by year, 2022-23, 2023-24 and any for 2024-25).</p> <p>(2) In relation to the number of cases received can you outline the outcome of those cases (eg. how many were prosecuted, how many received an alternative to prosecution)?</p> <p>(3) Can you outline the conviction rate, since 2022, for all prosecutions of wildlife crimes?</p>	23 October 2024	Provided
R-13271-24	FOI Procedures	23 October 2024	Withdrawn
R-13278-24	Case related information	24 October 2024	Exempt
R-13279-24	Person related information	22 October 2024	Exempt

R-13294-24	Case related information	26 October 2024	Refused
R-13297-24	How many reports were received from HSE by prosecutors in Scotland recommending prosecution for each year since and including 2015/16 and including the part year of 2024/25. And can I ask how many of those resulted in pursuit of a prosecution in all the years and the part year. How many led to conviction in all the years and part year. How many of those convicted received jail sentences in each year and part year. And what was the the biggest jail sentence imposed in each year and part year and against whom?	28 October 2024	Part Provided
R-13301-24	Case related information	29 October 2024	Exempt
R-13311-24	Case related information	29 October 2024	Withdrawn
R-13312-24	<p>I would be grateful if you could comply with the following request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total number of outstanding Fatal Accident Inquiries, broken down by the year in • Of those outstanding inquiries and broken down by the according year, please tell me what is the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) longest and (b) average waiting time taken to complete an FAI. • The total number of FAIs completed in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20, (c) 2020-21, (d) 2021-22, (e) 2022-23, (f) 2023-24, (g) 2024 to date. • Of those completed inquiries, please tell me the 	29 October 2024	Provided

	<p>(a) longest and (b) average waiting time according to the year of completion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total number of outstanding Fatal Accident Inquiries for deaths in custody specifically, broken down by the year in which the incident (which is or will be the subject of an inquiry) occurred. • Of those outstanding inquiries and broken down by the according year, please tell me what is the <p>(a) longest and (b) average waiting time taken to complete an FAI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total number of FAIs into deaths in custody completed in <p>(a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20, (c) 2020-21, (d) 2021-22, (e) 2022-23, (f) 2023-24, (g) 2024 to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of those completed inquiries, please tell me the <p>(a) longest and (b) average waiting time according to the year of completion</p>		
R-13313-24	Reform of the constitutional roles of the Scottish Law Officers	29 October 2024	Part Provided
R-13339-24	Case related information	31 October 2024	Exempt
R-13374-24	Case related information	31 October 2024	Exempt

R-13376-26	Case related information	25 October 2024	Refused
R-13377-24	Please can you provide the number of rape and attempted rape cases in Scotland that were dropped prior to prosecution and the reasoning, for period 2022 - 2023?	05 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13383-24	1- the number of fixed penalty notices issued and paid for offences of smoking within the 15m zone of a hospital across Scotland since this legislation became active? 2- the number of prosecutions across Scotland as a result of this legislation since it became active? A breakdown of these FPNs and prosecution figures of either sherrifdom or health board would be greatly appreciated also.	06 Nov 2024	Part Provided
R-13386-24	Update to convictions under Breastfeeding etc (Scotland) Act 2005 since 2019	01 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13401-24	Please provide the following information: 1. Between 2010 and present, by year, the number of people charged under section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 2. Between 2010 and present, by year, the number of people convicted of criminal offence under section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 a. Of these, number who received a custodial sentence	07 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13421-24	How many crimes of attempting to pervert the course of justice have been reported to procurator fiscal in Forfar in 2024? Of these how many relate to rape allegations ?	12 Nov 2024	Provided

R-13422-24	I have been redirected to your department for the above information by the Scottish Government. At this time is there any possibility that the above charges will be applied in this case. This has been reported previously so we would be grateful for any information on this front at your earliest convenience.	08 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13427-24	<p>1. Since records began, how many 'risk assessment reports' (RAR) have been requested to be undertaken by the Scottish courts</p> <p>Please provide the number for each year since records began.</p> <p>2. Of the total amount of 'risk assessment reports' requested each year since records began, how many resulted in an O.L.R sentence?</p>	12 Nov 2024	Not Held
R-13442-24	<p>I wish to know see the following information:</p> <p>1. The rationale underlying the decision by COPFS to pay XXXX compensation in relation to the case raised by them against COPFS.</p> <p>2. All correspondence between SGLD and COPFS in relation to this case</p>	12 Nov 2024	Exempt
R-13443-24	<p>In accordance with Freedom of Information legislation, I would be grateful if you could comply with the following request for information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The average cost of remanding a prisoner in custody (preferably per day). • The longest any prisoner was remanded in custody for in each of the last five years. • The longest any prisoner who was subsequently found innocent was remanded in custody for in each of the last five years. 	13 Nov 2024	Not Held
R-13444-24	<p>Under Freedom of information can you please provide figures for;</p> <p>The number of delays to proceedings at court (due to late arrival of a prisoner or failure to bring that prisoner to a courtroom from prison)</p> <p>The number of late arrivals of a prisoner to court from prison (where a prisoner does not arrive at court in the timescales contracted but where there isn't a delay to proceedings)</p> <p>The number of undue delays in departure of a prisoner from court?</p>	14 Nov 2024	Not Held

	<p>Can I please have a breakdown of figures for the periods</p> <p>April 2022 - April 2023</p> <p>April 2023- April 2024</p> <p>April 2024- November 2024?</p>		
R-13445-24	<p>Under Freedom of information can you please provide figures for;</p> <p>The number of delays to proceedings at court (due to late arrival of a prisoner or failure to bring that prisoner to a courtroom from prison)</p> <p>The number of late arrivals of a prisoner to court from prison (where a prisoner does not arrive at court in the timescales contracted but where there isn't a delay to proceedings)</p> <p>The number of undue delays in departure of a prisoner from court?</p> <p>Can I please have a breakdown of figures for the periods</p> <p>April 2022 - April 2023</p> <p>April 2023- April 2024</p> <p>April 2024- November 2024?</p>	14 Nov 2024	Excessive Cost
R-13451-24	<p>Details of training/awareness raising of 'The Promise' given to Prosecutors across Scotland since it was published in Feb 2020 and up until today, 14/11/24.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has that training been mandatory or voluntary. - The percentage uptake of the training by Prosecutors across Scotland. <p>'The Promise' is a report created by the Independent Care Review in 2020</p>	14 Nov 2024	Part Provided

R-13452-24	Case related information	14 Nov 2024	Refused
R-13462-22	Case related information	15 Nov 2024	Refused
R-13463-24	Case related information	23 October 2024	Exempt
R-13478-24	<p>Please provide the following information between 01/01/2017 and present on a weekly basis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All deaths reported 2) Where regulations required reporting of COVID-19 deaths: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1) The number of COVID-19 deaths 2.2) The number of deaths categorised by occupation 2.3) The number of deaths of care home residents 	14 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13479-24	<p>As you will be aware, there exists an assumption of obligation that everyone must obey Acts of Parliament, be it Westminster or Holyrood, or otherwise face some sort of punishment for failure to do so.</p> <p>However, "assumption" is not a lawful basis upon which to establish any sort of obligation. An obligation must be materially evidenced, and at root source.</p> <p>Stating "It's the law!" is also not evidence of any obligation, because without evidence of the lawful creation of said obligation then it cannot possibly be "law" at all.</p> <p>No evidence of obligation = no obligation. No obligation = no law.</p>	16 Nov 2024	Not Held

	<p>Under FOISA 2002, please provide the following information which COPFS must surely possess within their records.</p> <p>I require from COPFS material evidence - at root source - of the lawfully-established obligation to obey government legislation, and/or the lawful process by which any man or woman's obligation is created upon (or after) their birth.</p>		
R-13481-24	<p>Dear Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal (Scotland),</p> <p>I read with interest the following article in the Herald, regarding Scotland's justice system being on the brink of collapse</p> <p>This led me to wonder how much of the backlog is down to common law crimes (ie, crimes with an actual victim) vs statutory so-called crimes (ie, victimless - ie, NON - crimes).</p> <p>I'm aware that some statutory offences may indeed involve victims; however, these will have been taken from already existing common law crimes in the first place which cover every controversy that creates a victim, but a list of both is handily provided here:</p> <p>Under FOISA 2002, please provide a snapshot of the number of undealt-with common law crimes on the books in Scotland vs the number of statutory offences.</p> <p>The date of the Herald article (17th November) will do, however any recent date is acceptable.</p>	18 Nov 2024	Excessive Cost
R-13482-24	<p>Please can you provide the number of rape and attempted rape cases in Scotland that were prosecuted, for period 2022 - 2023?</p> <p>Please can you also provide the number of cases for this same period that were found guilty, not guilty and not proven?</p>	18 Nov 2024	Excessive Cost
R-13483-24	<p>Please can you provide the number of rape and attempted rape cases in Scotland that were dropped prior to prosecution and the reasoning, for period 2023 - 2024?</p> <p>Please can you provide the number of rape and attempted rape cases in Scotland that were prosecuted, for period 2023 - 2024?</p>	18 Nov 2025	Part Provided

	Please can you also provide the number of cases for this same period that were found guilty, not guilty and not proven?		
R-13491-24	Please can you provide the number of cases that were submitted to the procurator fiscal for prosecution of rape or attempted rape during periods 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024?	18 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13492-24	For the number of cases that were submitted to the procurator fiscal for prosecution of rape or attempted rape during periods 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 how many of the complainers identified as a race other than white british?	18 Nov 2024	Excessive Cost
R-13493-24	For the number of cases that were submitted to the procurator fiscal for prosecution of rape or attempted rape during periods 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 how many of the complainers were deemed to have a disability?	18 Nov 2024	Excessive Cost
R-13494-24	For the number of cases that were submitted to the procurator fiscal for prosecution of rape or attempted rape during periods 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 how many of the complainers were unemployed?	18 Nov 2024	Excessive Cost
R-13495-24	For the number of cases that were submitted to the procurator fiscal for prosecution of rape or attempted rape during periods 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 how many of the complainers identified as LGBTQI+?	18 Nov 2024	Excessive Cost
R-13500-24	Please email me a list of common law crimes and offences which it prosecutes under/deems valid within current Scots law? In other words, is a list held of all common law crimes within modern Scots law?	18 Nov 2024	Not Held
R-13501-24	<p>Please can I request the following information:</p> <p>(1) How many cases prosecuted by the COPFS over the last year have cited some sort of 'rural crime' or 'farm machinery theft' in the case or charge against the accused?</p>	19 Nov 2024	Excessive Cost

	<p>(2) Of those cases noted in (1), how many of them have resulted in a conviction?</p> <p>(3) Could you provide the same information requested in (1) and (2) for the past 10 years?</p>		
R-13512-24	Case related information	15 Nov 2024	Exempt
R-13513-24	<p>To whom it may concern, please can you provide me with the following:</p> <p>1) Information showing how many cases there have been in Scotland's courts in each of the last three financial years and so far this financial year where people faced a charge relating to the cyber crime of threats and extortion. For clarity, this is an attempt to obtain information that would cover cases of sextortion. I do not believe there is a closer crime category other than 'threats and extortion' but if you are aware of any COPFS information that would specifically show crimes of sextortion then please provide this. Please break the figures down for EACH year to show the outcome of these cases in terms of sanction (fine, imprisonment etc.)</p> <p>2) Information showing how many cases there have been in Scotland's courts in each of the last three financial years and so far this financial year relating to the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016. Specifically, the cases relating to the offence for disclosing a private sexual photograph without consent, intending to cause distress, or if the sender is reckless about whether it will cause distress. Please break the figures down for EACH year to show the outcome of these cases in terms of sanction (fine, imprisonment etc.)</p>	19 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13514-24	Personal information	18 Nov 2024	Exempt
R-13531-24	Please could you provide us with the numbers in relation to the following information, for the period 31st January 2023 to 30th January 2024, concerning Disclosing an intimate photograph or film under Section 2 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm Act (2016) where the victim is aged 18 or older:	21 Nov 2024	Part Provided

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported cases • Arrests • Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ No further action (with further detail, if possible) ◦ Charges ◦ Other resolutions 		
R-13541-24	<p>1. The number of complaints the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal service has received from its own staff members about working conditions and staffing levels in last five financial years (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/46).</p> <p>Please break this figure down by financial year (or calendar year if preferable).</p> <p>2. A copy of the latest internal analysis or survey material, or other document that reflects staff satisfaction at the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.</p> <p>3. The number of instances in which Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service workers have raised concerns about the performance of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service in carrying out its public service.</p> <p>If it's possible to quantify this then please provide the figure broken down by year in the last six years.</p>	21 Nov 2024	Excessive Cost
R-13542-24	<p>In a previous FOI you provided me with the number of Victims' Right to Review received in between 2018/19 and 2024/25.</p> <p>You also provided how many of those VRRs resulted in overturning an original decision and how many resulted in the original decision being upheld.</p> <p>Based on this information I would like to request the following:</p> <p>1. The number of Victims' Right to Review the Crown and Procurator Fiscal has received broken down by year.</p>	21 Nov 2024	Provided

	<p>The time frame for this request would be since the very first year VRR have been received and recorded until present date (2024/25 so far).</p> <p>For each year VRRs have been recorded please also provide the % of the number of decisions that were overturned (in turn reopening a prosecution) and the % that were unsuccessful (in turn keeping a prosecution closed).</p> <p>Please also include the stage of each decision each VRR was trying to challenge (Non court disposal or No further action)</p>		
R-13543-24	<p>I am interested in finding more about VRRs in relation to No Action cases and No Further Action cases.</p> <p>My definitions of these follow the explanation you gave me in a previous response</p> <p>“Please note that No Action cases can be considered as those that are closed after the completion of a criminal investigation but before any action (prosecution or direct measures) is taken by COPFS. No Further Action cases are those closed after some action has been commenced and will include both cases where court action/prosecution or where direct measures were commenced”.</p> <p>I am seeking the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of ‘No further action’ decisions that have been made by the Crown and Procurator Fiscal Service in the last 15 years. 2. The number of ‘No further action’ decisions that were appealed through a Victims’ Right to Review. <p>Please provide a % of the number of Procurator Fiscal and Crown Office no further action decisions that were overturned, in turn reopening a prosecution, as a result of an individuals or family’s appeal, and the % that were unsuccessful and dismissed and in turn saw a prosecution remain closed.</p>	21 Nov 2024	Provided

	<p>3. The number of 'no action' decisions that have been made by the Crown and Procurator Fiscal service in the last 15 years.</p> <p>4. The number of 'No action' decisions that were appealed through a Victims' Right to Review.</p> <p>Please provide a % of the number of Procurator Fiscal and Crown Office no action decisions that were overturned, in turn reopening a prosecution, as a result of an individuals or family's appeal, and the % that were unsuccessful and dismissed and in turn saw a prosecution remain closed.</p>		
R-13544-24	Case related information	21 Nov 2024	Not Held
R-13545-24	<p>I would be grateful if you could forward the job descriptions and/or overviews used the last time each of the following posts were advertised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PF depute - PF depute principal - APF <p>I understand that the posts fall within grades F, G and H respectively. I would be grateful if you could confirm.</p>	21 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13546-24	<p>A I would be grateful if you could provide the following information in relation to two dates. The first date relates to the financial year 2017/18, failing which the earliest year for which you retain records. The second date is for the most recent financial year for which information is available (presumably 2023/24). For each of those two dates I would be grateful if you would provide the following information:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1. <p>The annual spend for all COPFS costs;</p>	22 Nov 2024	Part Provided

- 2. The annual spend for all COPFS staff salary and associated staff costs;
- 3. The annual spend for salaries and associated staff costs for legally qualified staff;
- 4. The total number of legally qualified staff employed by COPFS;
- 5. The total number of trainee solicitors employed by COPFS;
- 6. The annual salary paid to a newly qualified PF Depute.

B Please confirm the number of prosecutions raised in Scotland for each of the last 10 years for which records are available under the following categories -

1. Summary cases
2. Solemn cases in the Sheriff Court;
3. Solemn cases in the High Court

In relation to each of those requests as referred to above, I would be grateful if you would provide specified figures rather than seeking to refer me separately to any prior, annual reports.

R-13549-24	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of fines issued to people smoking within hospital grounds, under The Prohibition of Smoking Outside Hospital Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2022. <p>It would be helpful if the data could be split by month. If this is not possible, a total figure would be appreciated.</p>	22 Nov 2024	Not Held
R-13563-24	Case related information	24 Nov 2024	Refused
R-13565-24	<p>I hereby submit a Freedom of Information Request to be provided with any statistics your organisation has on the following (whether it be UK-wide or solely your organisation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what amount of funding is allocated to combating internal fraud in the UK? - what amount is spent nationally on combating internal fraud in the UK? - what amount of funding is allocated to your organisation, to combat external fraud nationally? (so I can compare with internal fraud) - what amount is spent by your organisation on combating external fraud nationally in your organisation? (so I can compare with internal fraud) - out of all expenditure or budget allocation to tackling all economic crime in the UK, what is the breakdown for each crime type? (e.g. external fraud 20%, internal fraud 2%, corruption 5%, anti-money laundering 30%, counter terrorism financing 15%, bribery 28%, etc...) 	25 Nov 2024	Not Held
R-13568-24	In relation to the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act - Can you advise how many (even an estimation) of these cases have been prosecuted in the jurisdiction since coming into force?	22 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13612-24	<p>I am writing under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to inquire about hate crime prosecutions in Scotland.</p> <p>Can you share with me data on how many people have been prosecuted for hate crimes in the years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 (to the fullest extent possible) 	01 Dec 2024	Part Provided

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 • 2022 • 2021 <p>Please further breakdown the information where available by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. each year be broken up into the number of prosecutions per month 2. What the hate crime was in reference to ie religion, sexuality, race, gender etc 3. How many, if any, hate crimes were cases of online abuse 4. What were the sentences <p>Can you share how many people have been prosecuted using The Hate Crime and Public Order Act (Scotland) Act 2021 since its introduction in April this year?</p> <p>Can you share how many people have been prosecuted under the previous hate crime legislation since April (and confirm which Act this is)?</p> <p>Please share your findings made in the time and spending allocation allowed.</p> <p>I believe these questions are clear but if you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your cooperation.</p>		
R-13614-24	COPFS documentation	03 Dec 2024	Exempt
R-13623-24	Pay settlements	04 Dec 2024	Provided
R-13625-24	Historical documentation request	04 Dec 2024	Not Held

R-13631-24	Case related information	03 Dec 2024	Refused
R-13632-24	Case related information	05 Dec 2024	Exempt
R-13635-24	<p>I am looking for some guidance with reference to the Government's Transparency Agenda, which requires public sector bodies like yours to publish details of spend value. I have been onto your organisation's website but I am unable to locate your Spend/Transparency data.</p> <p>http://www.copfs.gov.uk/</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could advise where this information is available on your website.</p>	29 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13636-24	Case related information	03 Dec 2024	Refused
R-13638-24	Case related information	05 Dec 2024	Refused
R-13639-24	Request for personal information	03 Dec 2024	Refused
R-13641-24	<p>I understand that a PFD requires to perform at level four with respect to four competencies as set out COPFS competency framework. These are shown in the attached job description which I found online.</p> <p>Is my understanding correct?</p>	05 Dec 2024	Provided

	<p>Could you provide a yes/no answer by close of business tomorrow (my deadline is Monday)?</p> <p>Separately, I would be grateful if you could provide the following clarification at any such time that is convenient to you:</p> <p>Further to your letter dated 05/12/24, and with reference to the COPFS Competency Framework for Recruitment & Selection, please could you please confirm which competencies and at which level the PFD / PF / APF job roles are required or expected to perform?</p>		
R-13651-24	<p>I am seeking some data regarding your annual Fair Trade purchasing.</p> <p>Scottish Fair Trade is compiling information on Fair Trade purchasing within public bodies, institutions, and organisations across Scotland for the 2023-24 edition of its report into Fair Trade expenditure and policy commitments within Scotland's public sector. To understand how procurement policies were previously reported on and to read our recommendations, please review our last edition here.</p> <p>Can you kindly provide data on your organisation's annual spend on fair trade goods across the April 2023 – March 2024 financial year?</p> <p>Please include the below information, and please return the data in the attached template:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor name • Whether they were contracted/non-contracted • A description of item(s) purchased • The total value per order • Items purchased for resale (if applicable) 	29 Nov 2024	Provided

	<p>Please also provide your general policy on the procurement of fairly and ethically traded goods and services, in line with section 15(5)(b)(v) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014., if it is hosted online, please kindly share the link.</p> <p>I am aware that, given potential limitations, you may only be able to capture spend where purchasers have specifically used such terms as “fair” and “trade”, “fairtrade” or “fairly” and “traded” in their requisitions, and so items where buyers have used catalogue item numbers will not be reflected in the data. These considerations will be acknowledged in the report.</p>		
R-13654-24	<p>I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2022 for the last four full calendar or financial years (whichever is easiest) and the current year to date.</p> <p>The number of prosecutions raised in each year under Aberdeen's public drinking prohibition byelaw under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Section 201, 202 and 203.</p> <p>The number of these prosecutions which resulted in conviction in each year.</p> <p>The information I am looking for relates only to the prohibition of drinking alcohol in public spaces in the city of Aberdeen</p>	14 Nov 2024	Provided
R-13656-24	Request for case related information	09 Dec 2024	Refused
R-13661-24	Request for case related information	05 Dec 2024	Part Provided
R-13693-24	I am of the understanding that COPFS made a policy decision to remove the “entry-grade” solicitor job role (or words to that effect), and that this in turn led to the PFD job role being up upgraded from Grade E to F. Is my understanding correct and if so, please can you	06 Dec 2024	Provided

	confirm the date on which the policy decision was made and (if different) the date on which it came into effect?		
R-13694-24	Request for historic case related information	09 Dec 2024	Refused
R-13695-24	I am writing to request information regarding the ongoing investigation into the explosion that occurred at [redacted] on Friday, 1 December 2023. I have been appointed to investigate this incident on behalf of the insurers of the neighbouring [redacted] On Friday, 1 December 2024, I conducted a preliminary investigation. However, due to the ongoing investigations by Police Scotland and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), I was unable to interview several key witnesses or examine certain pieces of evidence retained by the HSE and Police. To proceed with my investigation, I would greatly appreciate it if you could inform me whether the Procurator Fiscal is still reviewing the evidence provided by the Police and HSE. If not, could you please clarify whether any information retained by the HSE and Police relating to witness information and recovered physical evidence can now be shared?	10 Dec 2024	Provided
R-13704-24	<p>I am an investor in a small company that is experiencing issues with our local Trading Standards Department failing to take action against another company using the same name as ourselves and selling the same goods, despite us having the Trademark rights. They maintain that they do not generally take criminal action against others due to advice from yourselves.</p> <p>It would be helpful therefore to gain the following information under the Freedom of Information Act please.</p> <p>1. Can you provide me with the most recent instructions that have been provided to local authority Trading Standards Departments in terms of when investigations should be instigated, including the need to seize evidence and productions please?</p>	11 Dec 2024	Provided

Please provide any other current and relevant instructions and guidance surrounding investigations and the reporting of accused persons by Trading Standards Departments.

2. In particular, can you provide me with the latest instructions and guidance provided, to any agency, in relation to cases involving possible Trades Mark offences, or offences under the Enterprise Act?

3. Do you have any specialist staff in the field of Intellectual Property and Trades Marks? If so, how can they be contacted?

4. Is there any other agency that you would accept a report from, for specialist offences such as those under the Trades Mark or Enterprise Acts?

If the answer is Police Scotland can you provide me with contact details for the specialist department that deals with this form of crime please?

5. Do you have a list of approved companies who can provide expert knowledge, statements, or advice, for those seeking to build a case in relation to any Intellectual Property, or Trades Mark offences?

If so, can you provide the details of these companies please?

If there is no such approved list, are you content with Trading Standards Departments gaining their own independent specialist advice and if so, is there any instruction/guidance that they should follow?

6. I am aware that Police Scotland has an agreement with COPFS that where they need advice, or direction on a case where they are unsure on certain elements such as the sufficiency of evidence, the burden of proof, or of any legal point, that they can seek direction from yourselves in the form of a Subject Report.

Is there a similar service available to all local authority Trading Standards Departments?

7. Can you provide a breakdown of all cases reported by each Trading Standards Department, by local authority area, by year, over the past 5 years please?

For example -

2023/24 Aberdeenshire Council -73 cases

2022/23 Aberdeenshire Council -68 cases etc.

8. Can you provide a breakdown of all cases reported to you by all Trading Standards Departments under The Trademarks Act 1994 in the past 10 years please?

In doing so, can you detail under what sections/charges they were alleged to have contravened, who the reporting authority was and what (if this can be disclosed) the disposal was - no proceedings, warning, court proceedings etc.

For example -

2023/24 Aberdeenshire Council 2 cases - 1 x section A (no proceedings) 1 x Section B (conviction)

9. Can you provide all disclosable information in relation to cases reported in the past 10 years where the offence/charges were libelled under the Trade Marks Act 1994 Section 94 (1) A, B and C. (2) A, B and C and (3) A and B.

10. Can you provide the total number of cases reported to yourselves by Angus Council in the past 5 years together with the ethnic origin of the accused please?

For example

2023/24 5 cases - 5 White Scottish

2022/23 4 cases - 2 White European, 2 White Scottish.

11. Can you provide the details of any cases reported by Angus Council in the last 10 years under the

	<p>i. Trades Mark Act 1994 ii. The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 and iii. Enterprise Act 2002</p> <p>In doing so can you detail the relevant sections and charges please?</p> <p>For example 2023/24 Trades Mark Act section A, Case v XX brief synopsis of case and outcome/disposal.</p>		
R-13717-24	Request for case related information and specific policy relating to accused individuals now deceased	12 Dec 2024	Exempt
R-13718-24	1) Who is the named individual with overall accountability for the victim engagement process within COPFS. 2) When was the process last reviewed and deemed suitable? 3) Are there any plans to review it	06 Dec 2024	Provided
R-13719-24	Request for case related information	09 Dec 2024	Exempt
R-13731-24	(a)How many cases under the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005 have been reported to the COPFS in the last five years? (Please can you split that up by year). (b)How many cases under the 2005 Act have been prosecuted in the last five years by the COPFS? (Please can you split that up by year). (c)How many convictions, under the 2005 Act, have been made over the last five years? (Please can you split that up by year).	12 Dec 2024	Provided

R-13732-24	<p>1. What is the COPFS approach to e-scooter related offences? For example, do you have a policy (or other document(s)) that might outline this approach?</p> <p>2. Have any individuals been charged in regard to using an e-scooter as a mode of transport in a public place or on a public road?</p> <p>3. Have any individuals been prosecuted in regard to using an e-scooter as a mode of transport in a public place or on a public road?</p> <p>4. If yes to part 1, a list of the charges that offenders could be subject to. For example, s87 of the RTA 1988 - driving without a licence.</p> <p>5. If yes to part 2, a list of the outcomes that could be applied. For example not guilty, guilty, decision not to prosecute, diverted from prosecution (accepted or not accepted), etc.</p>	16 Dec 2024	Part Provided
R-13751-24	<p>1. How many cases have been reported to COPFS.</p> <p>2. How many cases have been marked 'no proceedings'.</p> <p>3. How many cases have still to have a decision made on whether or not to take proceedings.</p> <p>4. How many cases have still to go to trial that have a trial date set.</p> <p>5. How many cases have still to go to trial that have no trial date set.</p> <p>6. How many cases have been concluded, either through trial or plea.</p> <p>7. How many cases have had a trial date set up to 1 year from the date of allegation.</p> <p>8. How many cases have had a trial date set between 1 and 2 years from the date of allegation.</p> <p>9. How many cases have had a trial date set between 2 and 3 years from the date of allegation</p> <p>10. How many cases have had a trial date set between 3 and 4 years from the date of allegation.</p> <p>11. How many cases have had a trial date set more than 4 years from the date of allegation.</p> <p>12. How many cases have had a trial date set up to 1 year from COPFS receipt of initial report from Police.</p> <p>13. How many cases have had a trial date set between 1 and 2 years from COPFS receipt of initial report from Police.</p> <p>14. How many cases have had a trial date set between 2 and 3 years from COPFS receipt of initial report from Police.</p>	23 Dec 2024	Part Provided

	<p>15. How many cases have had a trial date set between 3 and 4 years from COPFS receipt of initial report from Police.</p> <p>16. How many cases have had a trial date set more than 4 years from COPFS receipt of initial report from Police.</p> <p>17. How many outstanding cases have been adjourned once or more.</p>		
R-13761-24	<p>My request concerns the following:</p> <p>The Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 has a provision for an offence under section 112.</p> <p>To quote the legislation:</p> <p>Section 112, Offence relating to applications for registration</p> <p>(1)A person mentioned in subsection (2) commits an offence if the person—</p> <p>(a)makes a materially false or misleading statement in relation to an application for registration knowing that, or being reckless as to whether, the statement is false or misleading, or</p> <p>(b)intentionally fails to disclose material information in relation to such an application or is reckless as to whether all material information is disclosed.</p> <p>I am requesting information from Cops on the number of convictions for this section 112 offence and by year if possible. If not possible, how many convictions overall since the act came into force will suffice.</p>	18 Dec 2024	Provided
R-13811-24	Case related information	23 Dec 2024	Exempt
R-13834-25	Was a specific case dealt with via the Single Justice Procedure	01 January 2025	Provided

R-13841-25	Request for case related information	04 January 2025	Refused
R-13851-25	<p>In a previous FOI you provided me with the number of Victims' Right to Review received in between 2018/19 and 2024/25.</p> <p>You also provided how many of those VRRs resulted in overturning an original decision and how many resulted in the original decision being upheld.</p> <p>Based on this information I would like to request the following:</p> <p>1. For each case that has been overturned and reopened as a result of a victims' right to review appeal, please reveal the amount of days between the Crown and Procurator Fiscal receiving that appeal and the decision to reopen the case as a result of that appeal.</p> <p>Please provide this information for each case that has been overturned and reopened and please provide it broken down by year since 2018/19.</p> <p>Preferably you can present this information in tables for each year, clearly showing the date each VRR appeal was received and the date the Crown and Procurator Fiscal service decided to agree with the appeal and communicate their decision to a victim (if the date between the decision to agree and the communication to victim and their family was separate then please provide multiple dates).</p>	06 January 2025	Provided
R-13854-25	Case related information and documents	07 January 2025	Not Held
R-13858-25	COPFS kindly provided me with figures recently on the number of upskirting cases. Further to that request, please could you provide me with data on the number of a) offenders charged and b) offenders convicted for these offences for the years from 2018/19 onwards?	07 January 2025	Part Provided

	If possible please could you also provide me with data on the number of offences reported to the police?		
R-13859-25	<p>Please can you provide the following information under Freedom of Information:</p> <p>How many search warrants have been granted?</p> <p>How many of those have been in relation to drugs?</p> <p>How many have resulted in drug dealing charges?</p> <p>How many have resulted in drug dealing convictions?</p> <p>Please can I have an annual breakdown for every year since 2019. If that breaks the cost threshold then please reduce the number of years prioritising the most recent.</p>	07 January 2025	Part Provided
R-13860-25	Case related information	05 January 2025	Refused
R-13862-25	<p>Please advise on the number of outstanding Fatal Accident Inquiries that are still to start.</p> <p>Please advise how many are mandatory?</p> <p>Please advise how many are discretionary ie where the Lord Advocate has taken a decision to hold a Fatal Accident Inquiry but on which (i) notice has not been served to SCTS and (ii) where notice is still to be served?</p> <p>How many sudden unexpected unexplained and suspicious death reports did COPFS receive in 2024?</p>	07 January 2025	Provided
R-13863-25	COPFS procedures	08 January 2025	Exempt

R-13865-25	Case related information	07 January 2025	Withdrawn
R-13866-25	Please can you provide the number of rape and attempted rape cases, broken down by region, reported to the COPFS for period 2023-2024?	08 January 2025	Provided
R-13867-25	Please can you provide the number of rape and attempted rape cases in Scotland that were dropped prior to prosecution and the reasoning, for period 2021 - 2022?	08 January 2025	Provided
R-13869-25	1. Please provide official procedure and example paperwork required for a person to appeal their conviction and sentence following a conviction at the High Court. 2. When a person informs the court following their conviction on their intention to appeal, what paperwork is required to be submitted to the court by this individual or legal team? Please provide official procedure and paperwork required. 3. How is leave to appeal granted by the court? Please provide official procedure that the court and the person appealing must follow. Please provide paperwork required. 4. Is leave to appeal granted solely on the reading of the judges charge to the jury? Or are there other points of law allowed to be submitted? Eg. - Insufficient Evidence, Unreasonable verdict etc?	08 January 2025	Not Held
R-13881-25	I am writing to you to request the following information: 1) Since 2019 to date (inclusive), the number of rape charges/indictments with alleged victims under the age of 18 issued by the COPFS. 2) Since 2019 to date (inclusive), the breakdown of convictions, acquittals, or other disposals of those charged with rape with victims under the age of 18 3) Since 2019 to date (inclusive), the ethnicity breakdown of charges/indictments of rapes with victims under the age of 18. Please provide this as either a figure (e.g. White British: 1), or as a percentage figure of the total (e.g. White British: 80%) 4) Since 2019 to date (inclusive), the ethnicity breakdown of convictions, acquittals, and/or other disposals of rapes with victims under the age of 18. Please provide this as either a figure (e.g. White British: 1), or as a percentage figure of the total (e.g. White British: 80%)	08 January 2025	Excessive Cost

R-13891-25	Case related information	09 January 2025	Refused
R-13901-25	Case related information	09 January 2025	Refused
R-13906-25	Case related information	07 January 2025	Refused
R-13911-25	1. The number of reported assaults on police officers in Scotland from the period of 01 January 2020 to 01 January 2025, including insofar the figures resulting in convictions 2. The number of reported assaults on police officers in Greenock and the Sheriffdom of North Strathclyde from the period of 01 January 2020 to 01 January 2025, including insofar the figures resulting in convictions	14 January 2025	Provided
R-13921-25	Case related information relating to FAI	13 January 2025	Exempt
R-13931-25	Case related information	09 January 2025	Exempt
R-13971-25	A note has been added to your web page for the 'Guidance for prosecutors in relation to transgender accused' stating that the policy is currently under review. https://www.copfs.gov.uk/publications/transgender-accused-policy/html/ Can you please give the start date of this review and an outline of how the review is being conducted. Has there been, or will there be, a public consultation on the policy? And which	19 January 2025	Part Provided

	<p>individuals and organisations have been invited, or will be invited, to contribute to the review process?</p> <p>Please also provide the agendas, notes and minutes, along with attendee names/orgs, for all meetings that have taken place regarding this review.</p> <p>When is the review expected to be completed?</p>		
R-13972-25	Case related information	17 January 2025	Exempt
R-13973-25	<p>I am requesting the following information regarding Operation Branchform:</p> <p>1. Legal Advice:</p> <p>Details of any legal advice sought or received by the COPFS concerning Operation Branchform, including:</p> <p>The dates when legal advice was sought or received.</p> <p>The sources of the legal advice (e.g., internal legal counsel, external law firms, etc.).</p> <p>A summary or description of the legal advice provided (where disclosure does not contravene legal privilege).</p> <p>2. Budget Allocations and Expenditure:</p> <p>Information on any budget or funds allocated by the COPFS for matters related to Operation Branchform, including:</p> <p>Specific allocations or expenditures on legal advice.</p> <p>Any additional resources or costs incurred in connection with Operation Branchform.</p>	15 January 2025	Part Provided
R-13976-25	Case related information	16 January 2025	Not Held
R-13981-25	<p>I would like to know the following information</p> <p>1. How many people have taken their own lives whilst under investigation for a sexual offence.</p> <p>2. Is there a breakdown for offence type?</p>	21 January 2025	Excessive Cost

R-13986-25	<p>Please can COPFS provide the names of all companies that have self-reported bribery or corruption within their businesses under the Bribery Act 2010.</p> <p>Please provide details of why each company reported, whether any action was taken on the back of the reports, whether cases were referred for prosecution and what the outcome of that was, and whether any ended up with a civil settlement agreed with the Civil Recovery Unit.</p>	22 January 2025	Exempt
R-13991-25	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many hate crime cases have been prosecuted since the implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021? Please provide data disaggregated by protected characteristic, type of offense, and outcome of the prosecution (e.g., conviction, acquittal, etc.) 2. What specific guidance has been provided to prosecutors regarding the application of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021, particularly concerning the prosecution of offenses aggravated by prejudice and the interpretation of relevant legal thresholds (e.g., 'stirring up hatred')? 3. What factors are considered when deciding whether to prosecute a case as a hate crime, including the assessment of evidence relating to motivation and the potential impact on freedom of expression? 	22 January 2025	Part Provided
R-14011-25	Case related information	24 January 2025	Not held
R-14021-25	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of MFDs (Multi-functional devices) & photocopiers at Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Scotland (COPFS) 2. Name of incumbent supplier 3. Start/end date of contract (if expired, WHEN do you expect to revisit the marketplace) 	28 January 2025	Provided

	<p>4. Details of any extension options</p> <p>5. What framework / Route to market used</p> <p>6. Number of regular/desktop printers (in addition to above)</p> <p>7. Is there a support contract on above, if yes please state start/end date</p> <p>8. Does COPFS have a Print Room</p> <p>9. If yes, name of supplier, number of devices and start/end date of contract, also details of any extension options</p> <p>10. Total annual print/copy volumes including, if applicable your Print Room, for (a) mono (b) colour</p> <p>11. What Print software does COPFS run</p> <p>12. Your total annual spend on print</p> <p>13. Who at COPFS is responsible for this contract</p>		
R-14023-25	Personal information of Staff	21 January 2025	Exempt
R-14027-25	Request for name of COPFS staff, personal data and specific COPFS policy relating to issuing of correspondence	26 January 2025	Exempt
R-14028-25	I am looking for the number of compensation orders issued in court in respect of police officer victims who have been assaulted/injured on duty. I would like this information broken down by year for each of the last five years. In addition, I would like a breakdown of the amount of compensation awarded to the police officer victim in each case.	21 January 2025	Provided

R-14029-25	<p>1) How many people have been convicted for failing to have their XL bully-type dog muzzled in public since February 23 2024?</p> <p>2) How many people have been convicted for failing to have their XL bully-type dog muzzled on a lead in public since February 23 2024?</p> <p>3) How many people have been convicted for owning an XL-bully type dog in Scotland without an exemption certificate since August 1 2024?</p> <p>4) How many XL bully dogs have been ordered to be destroyed since February 23 2024?</p>	24 January 2025	Provided
R-14041-25	How many suspected fraud cases have been passed to prosecutors by Social Security Scotland since 2018 please?	29 January 2025	Provided
R-14042-25	Case related information	29 January 2025	Refused
R-14043-25	Case related information	15 January 2025	Exempt
R-14044-25	<p>Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am formally requesting the release of all available records, reports, and correspondence regarding the death of [redacted]</p> <p>Specific Information Requested:</p> <p>1. Fatal Accident Inquiry (FAI) Progress & Documentation:</p> <p>The current status of the Fatal Accident Inquiry (FAI) into [redacted] death.</p> <p>A copy of any preliminary findings or reports submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p>The anticipated timeline for the FAI hearing and whether any procedural delays have occurred.</p> <p>2. Circumstances & Emergency Response:</p>	29 January 2025	Part Provided

	<p>Details of the exact circumstances surrounding his death, including cause (if known), time of incident, and prison officer response logs.</p> <p>Whether emergency medical assistance was requested, and if so, response times for paramedics/fire/rescue services.</p> <p>Any existing CCTV footage from [redacted] documenting the period leading up to his death (acknowledging that redactions may be necessary for data protection).</p> <p>3. Scottish Prison Service Internal Investigation:</p> <p>Copies of internal prison reports, including staff debriefs, risk assessments, and healthcare logs.</p> <p>Details on whether any prior complaints, incidents, or disciplinary reports involving [redacted] were recorded before his death.</p> <p>Whether [redacted] was aware of any ongoing medical conditions or vulnerabilities (e.g., substance withdrawal risk, previous suicide attempts, or violent incidents).</p> <p>4. Police Scotland & Procurator Fiscal Reports:</p> <p>Any preliminary cause of death determination (if available).</p> <p>Copies of any statements or reports submitted by prison staff, fellow inmates, or emergency responders.</p> <p>Whether Police Scotland's investigation has concluded or remains ongoing.</p>		
R-14045-25	<p>Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am demanding the immediate release of all reports, documents, and correspondence related to the following deaths in custody at Scottish prisons:</p> <p>1 [redacted]</p> <p>2. [redacted]</p> <p>A comprehensive list of all deaths in Scottish prisons from 2019 to present, including names, dates, and whether an FAI was held or scheduled.</p>	29 January 2025	Part Provided

	Data on prison overcrowding statistics for HMP Barlinnie and HMP Kilmarnock at the time of these deaths.		
R-14061-25	<p>It relates to Operation Branchform, the investigation examining the funding and finances of the Scottish National Party.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much money has been spent on Operation Branchform so far, including on material, staffing costs, manpower etc, and a breakdown of these costs? • How many people were working on this probe as of 31st Jan 2025? 	31 January 2025	Part Provided
R-14064-25	Please could you provide us with the numbers in relation to the following information, for the period 31st January 2024 to 30th January 2025, concerning Disclosing, or threatening to disclose, an intimate photograph or film under Section 2 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm Act (2016) where the victim is aged 18 or older: Reported cases, Arrests, Outcomes: No further action (with further detail, if possible), Charges, Other resolutions	31 January 2025	Part Provided
R-14071-25	<p>In particular, I am looking to request the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of charges reported to COPFS for each of the following offences:- a) The Coronavirus Act 2020, Schedule 21, paragraphs 45(1)(a), 45(1)(b), 45(1)(c), 45(1)(d) and 45(1)(e). My understanding is that these are recorded as separate charge codes, however if you only hold data for paragraph 45(1) as a whole then that is completely fine (the same goes for any of these offences). b) The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, regulations 5(1), 5(2), 5B(1), 5J(1)(a), 5J(1)(b), 5J1(c), 9(1), 9(2), 9(3) and 9(4) c) The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Regulations 2020, regulation 6(1) d) The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Aberdeen City) Regulations 2020, regulations 7(1), 7(2) and 7(3) e) The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, regulations 12(1), 12(2), 12(3) and 12(4) f) The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Additional Temporary Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, regulations 26(1), 26(2) and 26(3) 	02 Feb 2025	Provided

	<p>g)The Health Protection (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, regulation 17(12)</p> <p>h)The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Pre-Departure Testing and Operators Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021, regulation 8(1)</p> <p>i)The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2021, regulations 16(1), 16(2), 16(3) and 17(12)</p> <p>j)The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021, regulations 28(1), 28(2), 29(1), 30(1)(a), 30(1)(b), 30(1)(c), 31(1)(a), 31(1)(b), 31(1)(c), 31(1)(d), 34(2), 34(3), 45(1) and 45(2).</p> <p>2. Marking decisions in respect of each of these offences: the number dealt with by direct measure/diversion (if possible, subdivided into type); the number marked "no action"; the number for marked for court proceedings; and the forum.</p> <p>3. In relation to cases marked for court proceedings, the number of convictions and acquittals. If possible, it would be useful to know the number of convictions after trial/following guilty pleas; and the number acquitted after trial/by pleas of Not Guilty being accepted.</p>		
R-14093-25	<p>Please could you send me a copy of the information referenced in this media article below please:</p> <p>The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service has revealed it has spent more than £200,000 on Operation Branchform as it refused to release legal advice over fears it would lead to a 'trial by media.'</p> <p>It has spent £206,366 of taxpayer money in the 2024/25 financial year. The data showed that the biggest cost was staffing at £192,116, with Crown Counsel advice costing £14,235 and a £15 claim for travel and sustenance.</p> <p>The information was revealed following a Freedom of Information request by the Scottish Daily Express asking for the budget allocated to costs incurred in connection with Operation Branchform and specific allocations or expenditures on legal advice.</p>	05 Feb 2025	Part Provided
R-14094-25	<p>Please can you provide me with the following information, separated into calendar years, from 2020 to 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The number of sexual crimes reported at swimming pools in Scotland (this can include the pool area, changing room area, or anywhere people would use in connection with 	05 Feb 2025	Excessive Cost

	<p>attending a swimming pool. Please would you separate the crimes into specific crimes e.g. sexual assault, indecent exposure, and any others).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Details of any advice, recommendations, or guidance issued by COPFS regarding the handling, prevention, or prosecution of sexual offences at swimming pools. •Whether COPFS has forwarded concerns or recommendations on this issue to any other bodies, such as Police Scotland, local authorities, swimming pool operators, or the Scottish Government, and if so, any related correspondence or reports. <p>If it is possible within the time limitations of the FOI Act, please also provide any internal discussions, reports, emails, or other communications within COPFS regarding concerns, trends, or issues related to sexual offences at swimming pools.</p>		
R-14101-25	Case related information	05 Feb 2025	Exempt
R-14105-25	Case related information	03 Feb 2025	Exempt
R-14106-25	Case related information	26 January 2025	Exempt
R-14107-25	<p>Please explain the difference in court disposal of NO PROCEEDINGS and NO PROCEEDINGS MEANTIME ?</p> <p>The disposal of no proceedings meantime is used in serious cases where there can be a chance that new additional information is brought to light at a later date.</p> <p>My question is this.</p> <p>Do Accused persons remain on bail where cases are marked no proceedings meantime ?</p> <p>If a case is marked a no proceedings meantime in terms of a solemn matter, does the timebar still apply ?</p>	05 Feb 2025	Provided

R-14110-25	Case related information	06 Feb 2025	Refused
R-14121-25	Historical case related information	06 Feb 2025	Refused
R-14133-25	Please can you provide the number of s.275 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 applications made and granted in period 2024-2025 for rape and attempted rape charges?	10 Feb 2025	Part Provided
R-14141-25	Case related information	10 Feb 2025	Refused
R-14154-25	Case related and personal information	11 Feb 2025	Refused
R-14183-25	Case related information	15 Feb 2025	Exempt
R-14184-25	1. What guidance has been issued to Police Scotland when making unsolicited proactive approaches to former partners of a domestic abuse suspect? 2. What safeguards are in place to prevent such potential witnesses being led or told by police that other victims have 'come forward'. 3. What case law or legal precedents exist on this issue that have been highlighted to Police Scotland?	16 Feb 2025	Not Held
R-14191-25	Fatal Accident enquiry	17 Feb 2025	Part Provided

R-14197-25	Name of COPFS Staff member	18 Feb 2025	Exempt
R-14198-25	Case related information	18 Feb 2025	Refused
R-14199-25	COPFS Regulations	18 Feb 2025	Provided
R-14201-25	<p>Please may you provide the below information.</p> <p>How many suspected illegal abortion cases have been passed to prosecutors by police or any other body each year since 2018 please?</p>	18 Feb 2025	Provided
R-14202-25	<p>I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.</p> <p>The COPFS Privacy notice states that COPFS may share personal data with third-part organisations which include the General Medical Council.</p> <p>For each of the years 2023 and 2024 separately, please supply the number of cases where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COPFS has proactively contacted the General Medical Council regarding investigations or action being taken against individuals • General Medical Council has requested information from the COPFS • COPFS has proactively contacted the Nursing & Midwifery Council regarding investigations or action being taken against individuals • Nursing & Midwifery Council has requested information from the COPFS • COPFS has proactively contacted the General Pharmaceutical Council regarding investigations or action being taken against individuals • General Pharmaceutical Council has requested information from the COPFS 	18 Feb 2025	Part Provided

R-14203-25	Case related information	17 Feb 2025	Withdrawn
R-14212-25	<p>Please could you provide information (in a FOI response or a link to official guidance etc) as to whether there is some kind of record kept about correspondence sent directly to the Lord Advocate or Solicitor General? Does correspondence sent to them get acknowledged, read and acted upon on by the LA & SG themselves or does someone else in COPFS decide on their behalf whether correspondence gets to them at all? If so, who?</p> <p>Also, if there is some kind of record kept, please could you provide all correspondence from the previous two years please to establish what was sent directly to the LA & SG?</p>	18 Feb 2025	Part Provided
R-14214-25	Can you tell me the mortuary capacity available in Scotland from 2015-2024 separated by year?	19 Feb 2025	Not Held
R-14221-25	<p>1. Since coming into effect, the number of people, by month, charged with a criminal offence under the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act.</p> <p>2. Since coming into effect, the number of people, by month, charged with a criminal offence under the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Act.</p>	19 Feb 2025	Provided
R-14222-25	Historical case related information	20 Feb 2025	Refused
R-14232-25	Statistics	19 Feb 2025	Not Held
R-14251-25	COPFS Staff info	24 Feb 25	Refused

R-14252-25	Under FOI, please advise how the COPSF deals with the breach of Human Rights by Police Scotland and the Good Friday Agreement when PIRC and the Professional Standards also refuse to deal with same, and respond to incidents.	24 Feb 2025	Not Held
R-14254-25	<p>Q1. Is this process still in place by COPFS in relation to suspected data protection offences by officers and staff? If not, what is the current practice.</p> <p>Q2. What mechanisms do COPFS have in place to assess the 3 key elements of sufficiency of evidence for criminal proceedings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ intent / motivation and ■ public interest. <p>Q3. How can this policy operate to allow officers and staff suspected of criminal data breaches to admit/deny or explain the offence in light of the fact that they cannot be legally arrested and interviewed for a suspected breach of s170 Data Protection Act 2018 owing to it not being a crime punishable by imprisonment? What is the policy in place to ensure that this Recommendation is met on this specific point?</p>	24 Feb 2025	Provided
R-14265-25	Since coming into effect (i.e. since 1 April 2024), the number of people charged with a criminal offence under the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021, as this was interpreted in FOI response R-14221-25. Please break this down by:	25 Feb 2025	Provided
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Month 2. Offence charged with 3. Whether offence charged was an offence defined in the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021, or whether the charge was for an offence based outside this Act that had a hate crime aggravation under this Act. 		
R-14270-25	<p>I refer to the above where Post Office sub postmasters have been prosecuted as a result of faulty computer equipment and programs,</p> <p>Please tell me how many prosecutions there have been in Scotland, with their dates, and how many convictions resulted and the sentences that were applied.</p>	25 Feb 2025	Excessive Cost
R-14271-25	Case related information	24 Feb 2025	Exempt

R-14285-25	Information relating to MAAPA protocols and Sex offenders register	26 Feb 2025	Not Held
R-14289-25	Could you please provide details on the number of items seized at Perth Sheriff Court, Dunfermline Sheriff Court and Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court over the last three years? Also, is it possible to list what these items were?	26 Feb 2025	Not Held
R-14291-25	COPFS - Correspondence and Meeting info	26 Feb 2025	Not Held
R-14301-25	Please can you provide the number of s.275 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 applications made and granted in period 2023-2024 for rape and attempted rape charges?	28 Feb 2025	Part Provided
R-14303-25	Why does COPFS 'reserve the right to prosecute at a future date' when this is incompatible with law and what is the COPFS policy on this?	28 Feb 2025	Not Valid
R-14321-25	<p>We have an enquiry in looking for data on the costs of prosecuting (preferably by case) the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prostitution-related offences • Human trafficking-related offences. <p>I'm aware that both of these types of offences won't have a "typical" prosecution, and for prostitution-related offences this could include a wide range, with individual soliciting offences or larger brothel keeping offences. I'm also aware that this may not be data that COPFS holds or would regularly calculate. I just wanted to check, however, in case any specific work had been carried out that would mean you would be able to provide this, or some related data, around the costs of prosecuting these types of offences, or more generally.</p>	03 March 2025	Not Held

R-14351-25	Case related information.	05 March 2025	Exempt
R-14371-25	Case related information	06 March 2025	Refused
R-14372-25	<p>(a) The number of Police Reports to the COPFS (as envisaged in para.10) that included charges against individuals who were potential trafficking survivors Broken down by accused nationality Those who had their cases discontinued by NLP broken down by nationality</p> <p>(b) What offences were listed in those police reports Broken down by accused nationality Those who had their cases discontinued by NLP broken down by nationality</p>	07 March 2025	Provided
R-14385-25	<p>I understand that it is the PF that contracts with and pays for the kennelling of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act. These questions relate to that.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the 12 months ending 22nd February 2024, how much was spent on the kennelling of seized dogs? 2. in the period 23rd February 2024 to date, how much has been spent on the kennelling of seized dogs? 3. How many dogs have been seized for being a banned type or breed since 23rd February 2024 and for being which breed or type? 4. Who authorised the seizure of these dogs and under what powers? 5. What is your policy for the identification of a dog as potentially being a banned type or breed? (including who specifically does it and when does that trigger seizure?) 6. How many kennels are authorised by you as suitable to hold seized dogs? 7. What criteria are used to establish if a kennels is suitable? 8. What action is taken if a kennels is found not to be suitable? 9. What checks are made by you prior to contracting and on an ongoing basis on the kennels you allow to hold dogs and invoice you? 10. What is your policy on the welfare of seized dogs held in kennels? (e.g required exercise, vet checks, independent checks, police checks etc) 	09 March 2025	Part Provided

	<p>11. What delays are being caused by the fact that Police Scotland have no Dog Legislation Officers and nobody else trained to identify a dog as being a potentially banned breed? (due to the wait for officers from other forces coming to examine dogs and impacting: court dates, time in kennels etc).</p> <p>12. What extra funding was made available to your kennelling budget to pay for the expected increase in seized dogs?</p>		
R-14386-25	<p>I am interested to understand more about the scale of social security benefit fraud in Scotland.</p> <p>Please provide the following information:</p> <p>1. The number of cases of benefit fraud relating to a benefit provided by Social Security Scotland has the Crown and Procurator Fiscal Service received in the last five calendar years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 so far).</p> <p>Please also reveal how many of these cases were upheld and resulted in prosecution.</p> <p>Please reveal how many of these cases in total were not upheld and therefore did not result in prosecution.</p> <p>2. The number of cases of benefit fraud relating to a benefit provided by the Department of Work and Pensions has the Crown and Procurator Fiscal Service received in the last five calendar years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 so far).</p> <p>Please also reveal how many of these cases were upheld and resulted in prosecution.</p> <p>Please reveal how many of these cases in total were not upheld and therefore did not result in prosecution.</p> <p>Please note if you can't distinguish between whether or not the benefit related to UK or Scottish benefits then please still provide as much detail as possible.</p>	07 March 2025	Provided

R-14387-25	<p>Please provide the following information under FOI:</p> <p>(1) The number of reports made by the Information Commissioner's Office (and the outcomes) for each of the following offences between 28 May 2018 and today's date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) section 170 of the Data Protection Act 2018, (ii) section 171 of the Data Protection Act 2018, (iii) section 172 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and (iv) section 173 of the Data Protection Act 2018. <p>(2) The number of reports made by Police Scotland (and the outcomes) for each of the following offences between 28 May 2018 and today's date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) section 170 of the Data Protection Act 2018, (ii) section 171 of the Data Protection Act 2018, (iii) section 172 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and (iv) section 173 of the Data Protection Act 2018. (<p>(3) The number of reports made by the BTP (and the outcomes) for each of the following offences between 28 May 2018 and today's date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) section 170 of the Data Protection Act 2018, (ii) section 171 of the Data Protection Act 2018, (iii) section 172 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and (iv) section 173 of the Data Protection Act 2018. 	07 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14389-25	<p>Can you please supply details of the number of people in Perth and Kinross and Fife who have been given a curfew order instead of a custodial sentence at Sheriff Courts in Perth and Fife, over the last three years? Also, are you able to provide a breakdown of which particular court handed these curfew orders out i.e. at Dunfermline Sheriff Court, Cupar Sheriff Court or Perth Sheriff Court? I am requesting these details through Freedom of Information.</p>	26 Feb 2025	Not Held
R-14394-25	<p>This request relates specifically to the offence of failure to provide a sample of blood / urine (NOT BREATH) without reasonable excuse specifically relating to the offence of DRUG drive.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>My request is therefore, as follows</p>	10 March 2025	Excessive Cost

	<p>How many cases, for each of the last 5 years, was expert witness evidence used by the defence?</p> <p>How many times was the evidence agreed and the case discontinued or or did not proceed to trial based on the expert witness evidence</p> <p>How many times was the evidence agreed and the expert witness did not have to attend court to give evidence</p> <p>How many were found guilty / not guilty</p> <p>How many times was the evidence agreed and the expert witness was instructed to attend court.</p> <p>How many were found guilty / not guilty</p> <p>According to previous statistics supplied by yourself (request-1182494-dd2894de Your Ref R-13067-24) of the 10 not guilty cases, over the last 5 years, 5 were specifically for the defence of needle phobia (where specific reference was made of needle phobia).</p> <p>For these 5 cases how many were cases whereby an expert witness evidence was used by the defence ?</p> <p>How many of these 5 cases did the expert witness have to attend court to give evidence</p>		
R-14396-25	Case related information	10 March 2025	Refused
R-14398-25	Case related information	07 March 2025	Refused

R-14403-25	Is there a Crown Office policy note or something about this issue? It seems a very cumbersome approach to take otherwise.	07 March 2025	Not Held
R-14411-25	Case related information	11 March 2025	Refused
R-14412-25	A full statistical count of all prosecutions of Catholics or other Christians for silently praying, thinking, or otherwise exercising their absolute article 18 human right under the UN Declaration of Human Rights in a so called "Excluded zone" of an abortion clinic or its grounds between the dates of 10/3/2020 to 10/3/2025 in Scotland - with each count please disclose all Scottish Crown case material used during prosecution apart from any obtained defense evidence or the details of the defendant.	10 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14413-25	Case related information	06 March 2025	Refused
R-14418-25	Case related information	27 Feb 2025	Exempt
R-14424-25	1. Can you confirm how many e-scooter riders have been prosecuted for riding their machine illegally on public highways/pavements etc over each of the last five years, broken down on an annual basis? 2. Can you confirm how many e-scooter riders have been prosecuted for dangerous driving and or causing an accident/injury over each of the last five years, broken down on an annual basis?	12 March 2025	Provided
R-14425-25	I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for each of the last five calendar years (or the most recent five years for which data is available): 1. The total number of cases referred to COPFS by Police Scotland. 2. The average time taken for COPFS to make a prosecution decision in these cases.	12 March 2025	Part Provided

	<p>3. The number and proportion of cases in which it took:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> More than 6 months to reach a decision. <input type="radio"/> More than 12 months to reach a decision. <input type="radio"/> More than 18 months to reach a decision. <p>4. The longest time taken for COPFS to reach a prosecution decision in a single case within this period.</p>		
R-14426-25	<p>1. During the period from 01/01/2022 until the present date, in relation to the Scottish common law crimes of abortion (also known as 'procuring abortion'): (a) How many reports of alleged abortion (or alleged attempted abortion) were received by COPFS between 01/01/2022 and the present day? And: (i) In how many of these reports was the alleged perpetrator a 'registered medical practitioner'? If the answer is above zero, please specify in which year(s) a registered medical practitioner was reported in relation to abortion or attempted abortion.</p> <p>(ii) In how many of these reports was the alleged perpetrator the woman upon whom the abortion was performed (or attempted)? If the answer is above zero, please specify in which year(s) a woman was reported in relation to the abortion or attempted abortion of her own pregnancy. (b) How many cases of alleged abortion (or alleged attempted abortion) were prosecuted in Scotland between 01/01/2022 and the present day? And:</p> <p>(i) In how many of these cases was the person prosecuted a 'registered medical practitioner'? If the answer is above zero, please indicate in which year(s) a registered medical practitioner was charged with abortion or attempted abortion, and the outcome of the prosecution (e.g. charges dropped before case came to court /charges dropped after case came to court / case came to court and accused pled guilty / case came to court and accused pled not guilty but was convicted / case came to court and accused pled not guilty and was acquitted / etc.).</p> <p>(iii) In how many of these cases was the person prosecuted the woman upon whom the abortion was performed (or attempted)? If the answer is above zero, please specify in which year(s) a woman was charged with abortion or attempted abortion in relation to her own pregnancy, and the outcome of the prosecution ((e.g. charges dropped before case came to court /charges dropped after case came to court / case came to court and accused pled guilty / case came to court and accused pled not guilty but was convicted /</p>	12 March 2025	Part Provided

	<p>case came to court and accused pled not guilty and was acquitted / etc.). 2. During the period from 01/01/2022 until the present date, in relation to the crime of 'concealment of birth' under the Concealment of Birth (Scotland) Act 1809:</p> <p>(a) How many reports of alleged concealment of birth were received by COPFS? Please specify the number of reports in each year.</p> <p>(b) How many cases of alleged concealment of birth were prosecuted in Scotland? If the answer is above zero, please specify the number of prosecutions in each year, whether the case came to court, the outcome of the prosecution (e.g. charges dropped before case came to court /charges dropped after case came to court / case came to court and accused pled guilty / case came to court and accused pled not guilty but was convicted / case came to court and accused pled not guilty and was acquitted / etc.). 3.</p> <p>During the period from 01 January 2002 until the present date, in relation to section 5(2) of the Abortion Act 1967:</p> <p>(a) On how many occasions were individuals charged under section 5(2) of the 1967 Act, and in which year(s)?</p> <p>(b) In how many cases involving a charge under section 5(2) was the person charged a 'registered medical practitioner'? If the answer is above zero, please specify in which year(s) a registered medical practitioner was charged under section 5(2).</p> <p>(c) In how many cases involving a charge under section 5(2) was the person charged the woman upon whom the abortion was performed (or attempted)? If the answer is above zero, please specify in which year(s) a woman was charged under section 5(2) in relation to her own abortion.</p>		
R-14432-25	The total number of charges that have progressed to some form of prosecutorial action. Including a breakdown of the characteristic(s) to which the offences relate. The total number of charges that have resulted in a conviction. Including a breakdown of the characteristic(s) to which the convictions relate.	14 March 2025	Provided
R-14433-25	Case related information	13 March 2025	Exempt

R-14435-25	<p>If Crown Prosecutors have set targets for number of convictions and sentences to hit every month/year?</p> <p>2. Do Judges and Sheriffs also have quotas for fine income/community service hours/jail time? If so, who makes the decision to create these? Are there bonuses or incentives offered if these are met and exceeded?</p> <p>3. Do the police, courts or Crown inform accusers of said crimes of the Criminal Investigation Compensation Authority (CICA) at any point during the investigation or on the lead up to the trial? If so, at what stage is it mentioned and by who?</p> <p>4. In regards to police investigations, what safeguards are in place to protect against false/malicious accusations?</p> <p>5. Why also is police questioning set up in such a way that it is creating crimes where there weren't any previously?</p> <p>6. ...when men are being remanded. Who carries out the risk assessments that would qualify them to be remanded?</p> <p>7. If in court or during the investigation stages it was found that the accuser also turned out to be abusive, would the police and Crown seek to prosecute the accuser in the same manner they would be prosecuting the accused? Likewise if an accuser or witness is found to be deliberately falsifying or exaggerating information? Are there counter measures in place to protect the interests of the accused? Can the accuser also be prosecuted at trial? If not, why is this so?</p> <p>8. I'm curious why the Crown decides to prosecute regardless?</p>	14 March 2025	Not Held
R-14441-25	Case related information	14 March 2025	Not Held

			14 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14442-25	Case related information			
R-14443-25	I would like to make a Freedom of Information request concerning the Northern Constabulary investigation into the murder of [redacted]. By way of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I would like ask for the date (day, month and year) in which COPFS were first informed of a suspect being identified by the Northern Constabulary investigation. If it helps find this information, I believe the date will fall between September 1, 1994, and December 31, 1994.		16 March 2025	Refused
R-14444-25	Hi could I please ask the the following details be released to me under FOI: 1. The dates that [redacted] court started and finished work there. 2. All the names of employees that were employed when he was working there thanks.		16 March 2025	Not Held
R-14445-25	Case related information		16 March 2025	Refused
R-14446-25	Case related information		16 March 2025	Refused
R-14447-25	“Please can you provide evidence of the communications between Edinburgh and Teesside regarding the facilitation of the TV-link, as well as the communications between COPFS and SCTS.”		26 February 2025	Refused
R-14448-25	Case related information		16 March 2025	Refused
R-14449-25	contact information for the complaints procedure policy re staff conduct		16 March 2025	Part Provided

R-14450-25	Policy re staff conduct.	16 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14451-25	COPFS Staff information	16 March 2025	Refused
R-14452-25	COPFS Staff information	16 March 2025	Refused
R-14461-25	1 .A breakdown of the number of Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal employees grouped by salary bands (e.g., £50,000–£55,000, £55,001–£60,000, etc.). 2. The number of Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal employees whose annual salary is £50,000 or higher. 3. The number of Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal employees whose annual salary is £80,000 or higher. 4. The number of Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal employees whose annual salary is £100,000 or higher.	17 March 2025	Provided
R-14462-25	Could I have any public documents in relation to the procedures that are undertaken should a complaint be received about the fiscal, how the complaints are processed and what if anything are the results stored.	18 March 2025	Provided
R-14463-25	Any guideline or policy relating to the investigation or prosecution the intentional or reckless exposure or transmission of HIV virus.	18 March 2025	Exempt
R-14476-25	Any guideline or policy relating to the investigation or prosecution the intentional or reckless exposure or transmission of HIV virus.	17 March 2025	Not Held

R-14501-25	Operation Branchform information	21 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14502-25	Could you please clarify some thing for me please can the sspca as a reporting agency to the crown office and procurator fiscal sell animals without being signed over by owner no warrant or without a court order and with no court action at all ever been reported to copfs who would determine if legal action would be raised or case dropped could you please clarify the code of practise reporting agencies have to abide by	21 March 2025	Not Held
R-14503-25	Operation Branchform information	21 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14504-25	Information relating to a Glasgow International Comedy Festival Show/Event	22 March 2025	Not Held
R-14505-25	Case related information	23 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14507-25	Case related information	18 March 2025	Not Held
R-14508-25	Diversion from Prosecution Information	24 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14526-25	In relation to R-13971-25: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of feedback provided to COPFS in relation to an ongoing review into our guidance for prosecutors in relation to transgender accused. • Copies of our draft guidance 	19 Feb 2025	Part Provided

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation that our previous response provided the full list of those that provided feedback, whether any group asked failed to provide feedback, and confirmation that no minutes of these meetings remain. 		
R-14533-25	Please may you provide me with the correspondence, training, guidance and advice given to COPFS by Scottish Trans	25 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14534-25	<p>Regarding part 2 of the Animal Heath and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 could you please provide the the information below from Jan 1st 2021 to date.</p> <p>The number of reports.</p> <p>The number of prosecutions.</p> <p>The number of summary proceedings.</p> <p>The number of solemn proceedings.</p> <p>Explanation of criteria for these decisions with regards to procedure.</p>	25 March 2025	Provided
R-14541-25	The total cost of fiscal fines that were ordered by a court but were not paid by the offender in the financial years of 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 to date.	26 March 2025	Not Held
R-14542-25	<p>The average cost of fiscal fines given to 18-25 year olds in the financial years of 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 to date.</p> <p>The average cost of fiscal fines given to other age groups above 18-25 years old, if held and broken down by age group.</p>	26 March 2025	Provided
R-14552-25	COPFS Staff Info	21 March 2025	Refused

R-14553-25	COPFS staff info/ Policy/ Case information	22 March 2025	Refused
R-14554-25	COPFS staff info/ Procedures	23 March 2025	Refused
R-14555-25	COPFS staff info	23 March 2025	Refused
R-14556-25	COPFS staff info/ Procedures/ Policy	24 March 2025	Refused
R-14557-25	Hi could you please provide me with the procedures manual or SOP that deals with all procedures in relation to complaints received about [redacted] And if you can provide me with the details of how complaints are handled in the P.F office in Oban	25 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14558-25	COPFS Staff info	25 March 2025	Refused
R-14560-25	Request for case related information	25 March 2025	Exempt
R-14573-25	COPFS Staff info	30 March 2025	Refused

R-14574-25	Case Related Information	29 March 2025	Not Held
R-14576-25	Case info	29 March 2025	Part Provided
R-14592-25	<p>The total number of reports relating to speeding in a 20mph Built up area that were submitted by Police Scotland or any other reporting agency (such as the camera safety partnerships)</p> <p>I am really only interested in the Forth Valley and Fife Policing areas but if some other geographical area is easier for you to provide the information if it includes this areas I will be satisfied</p> <p>The period I am interested in is 1st January 2023 to present day</p> <p>I would like to know the lowest speed reported and the highest speed - if that is not possible don't worry - but confirmation that some reported related to offences under 30 and some over 30 would suffice</p> <p>I would like approximate Nos relating to the disposal of reported case - no Proceedings, fpn offered, court proceedings</p>	31 March 2025	Provided
R-14593-25	<p>I write seeking information on the implementation of Section 97 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (the 2022 Act). This provision empowers the police in Scotland to issue on-the-spot Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) as a disposal for road traffic offences.</p> <p>I note that there is commonplace conflation of FPNs and Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty Notices (COFPNs), and thus make it clear that my request refers specifically to the new power enacted under the 2022 Act.</p>	31 March 2025	Provided

	<p>The existing use of COFPNs causes excess administration as unnotified non-compliance necessitates the writing and submission of a Standard Prosecution Report to COPFS. On the contrary, the existing use of FPNs as a disposal for various anti-social behaviour offences only requires this where an accused specifically requests a court hearing, otherwise increasing in monetary value on non-payment.</p> <p>A previous request to the Police Scotland under the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, dated 19th May 2023, revealed that a working group exists to address the interdependencies for implementation of the provisions of the 2022 Act. Police Scotland state that this working group is chaired by the Scottish Government and involves Criminal Justice partners, of which I expect COPFS is a member.</p> <p>I request a summary of COPFS' response to this legislation, the progress made to date by the aforementioned working group and a timescale for implementation. In the event that no such response or timescale exists, I request an explanation of the COPFS' rationale behind this circumstance.</p>		
R-14943-25	Case related information	31 March 2025	Refused