

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2015-1157



Sir Stephen House QPM
Chief Constable

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

How much money has been paid out in compensation to frontline police officers (including PCSO's and specials) across the force as a result of an injury over the last three financial years? Please break down by:

2012/2013

2013/2014

2014/2015

If possible, please include any detail of the injury that compensation was claimed for.

This is similar to a previous request. However, I now require the details in financial years, and relating to all payments given out in the years above, regardless of the year that the injury occurred in.

Please note that due to changes in the way information has been recorded in each financial year I am only able to produce an accurate figure for the year 2014/2015. This is due to the change over from being 8 former forces to the establishment of Police Scotland.

Therefore, I can confirm that the amount of compensation paid out in 2014/2015 as at the date of your request was £233,903.01 (excluding legal fees). This relates to both Police Staff and Police Officers.

With regards to In accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, in order to extract this data would require files to be manually examined to obtain the accurate data and would also require the examination of files held in the 8 former force systems. Unfortunately this would take in excess of the 40 hours and £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act to carry out this task.

Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 01786 895864 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance, and within 40 working days of receiving this response, to request a review of the decision. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; FOI Central Processing Unit, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH - foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS - enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely,

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