

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2020-0318
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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 many Sex Offenders are currently under monitoring conditions within the following towns of Fife?

Cowdenbeath, Crossgates, Lochgelly, Loch Ore, Crosshill, Rosyth, Inverkeithing, Dunfermline and North Queensferry.

Police Scotland use postcodes to extract the requested data, as this is the most accurate and can be relied upon. Therefore, we asked you to clarify on the postcode areas you required the requested information for and you provided the following:-

KY4, KY5 and KY11

I would first of all advise you that protecting the public is a top priority for Police Scotland.

In Scotland Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), provides a comprehensive response to a complex issue, using professional assessment and management to properly target resources at those who pose a risk to the public.

Police Scotland works in partnership with a number of agencies through MAPPA to ensure that all Registered Sex Offenders are robustly managed within the community.

While we can never eliminate risk entirely, we want to reassure communities that all reasonable steps are being taken to protect them.

The recording system used by Police Scotland to extract information in relation to Registered Sex Offenders is ViSOR. The subsequent data, extracted from ViSOR, is a snapshot, which reflects accurate information documented on individual records for a specific date only: in this instance this is 10th February 2020.

Therefore, on 10th February 2020, the number of Registered Sex Offenders resident in each of the postcodes requested was as follows:

Postcode	Number
KY4	15

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KY5	20
KY11	35

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on 01382 596657 quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

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

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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