| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1684  Responded to: xx July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please can you tell me, for as long as records existing have Dollar Academy ever contacted Police Scotland about Staff, Pupils and/or Former Pupils?

[Dollar Academy | Leading Private School | Independent Boarding School Scotland](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdollaracademy.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C80e7ed33cda2486546a108dc9de4517c%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638558851148983865%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=T%2BhajKMMq%2FXdB4ZFLEgmO6o4qokENKPdaq2tVcQu3XM%3D&reserved=0)

I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, information reported to the police is recorded using the name of the individual who reported the matter and accordingly it is not possible to locate reports using the name of, or links to any organisation.

**In particular have they ever contacted Police Scotland about;**

1. **Name redacted**
2. **Name redacted**
3. **Name redacted**
4. **Name redacted**
5. **Name redacted**
6. **Name redacted**
7. **Name redacted**
8. **Name redacted**

I refer to your recent request for information which has not been repeated here due to the fact that it names specific individuals.

I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the personal information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland in terms of section 18 of the Act.

Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

* It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held.  
  Whilst we accept that you may have a particular personal interest in being informed as to whether the information sought is held, the overwhelming public interest lies in protecting individuals’ right to privacy and their expectation of confidence as regards their information.
* If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure. In this instance, sections 38(1)(b) and 38(1)(2A) of the Act apply insofar as you have requested *third party* personal data, the disclosure of which would contravene the data protection principles set out in the Act.

I also note that in some cases you are seeking information about a deceased person.

Any FOI response is a public disclosureand so it is not usually possible to disclose information about particular individuals or related police involvement and/ or investigations.

In terms of section 18 of the Act, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought is held by Police Scotland. The public interest overwhelmingly lies in protecting individuals’ right to privacy and honouring their expectation of confidentiality - even in death.

## Name redacted

In terms of section 18 of that Act, I am therefore refusing to confirm or deny whether Police Scotland holds information about you.

The public interest overwhelmingly lies in protecting your right to privacy and an individual’s own personal information is exempt from disclosure in terms of the exemption at section 38(1)(a).

I understand that the statement above may seem confusing and/ or unhelpful in the circumstances but I would stress once again that this is the response to your FOI request only.

However, if you wish to request information about yourself, you can do so by raising a Subject Access Request - [Subject Access Requests - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/data-protection/subject-access-requests/)

If you require any further assistance please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.