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03 March 2026

Dear ██████████

HMICS Freedom of Information Request - FOI.26.00007

I refer to your request dated 02 March 2026, under the freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), for the following information:

"I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding recorded incidents of violence linked to specific familial marriage dynamics. Specifically, I am looking for data from 2020 to present, with a year-on-year breakdown of the following.

Please provide the following information:

Total number of incidents: The total number of recorded domestic abuse or violent offences flagged as "Honour-Based Abuse" (HBA).

Keyword search: Within the "MO" (Modus Operandi) or "Summary" fields of domestic abuse reports, a count of how many records contain the keywords: "cousin", "consanguineous", or "first cousin".

Outcome data: For the incidents identified in Question 2, please provide a breakdown of the outcomes (e.g., Charge/Summons, Caution, Evidential Difficulties, or Case Closed).

Relationship Context: If held within your reporting system, a breakdown of the relationship between the victim and the suspect in these cases (e.g., spouse, sibling, parent).

If a keyword search of all domestic abuse files is deemed to exceed the cost limit, please prioritise the search within cases already flagged as Honour-Based Abuse. However, from corresponding with other forces, I expect this not to be the case as they have provided all of this previously. I appreciate your efforts and please let me know if I should open an internal review further down the line."

HMICS is an independent scrutiny body of both Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority. Our role was reaffirmed by the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, which gives HMICS wide ranging powers to look into the "state, effectiveness and efficiency" of both Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority.

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) can confirm we do not hold any records on incidents of violence linked to specific familial marriage dynamics and we are not involved with such cases. Therefore, this is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the information requested is not held by HMICS.

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If you wish to contact Police Scotland in regards of such information, you can do so by following the directions on their [website](#) or by writing to the address below:

FOI - Information Management

Police Scotland
Clyde Gateway
2 French Street
Glasgow
G40 4EH

I trust this information is satisfactory for you, however, if you are unhappy with this response you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to the address shown on this letterhead or by emailing HMIC@hmic.gov.scot. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. We will then reply within 20 working days of receipt of any such letter.

You then have a right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner if you are dissatisfied with our internal review. The Commissioners website has a guide containing the full details for this process (www.itspublicknowledge.info) or they can be contacted via the following:

Scottish Information Commissioner

Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS
Tel: 01334 464 610

Yours Sincerely,

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