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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 people detained under UK immigration legislation powers, have been held in Police Scotland cells from 01 April 2020 to 30 April 2022, disaggregated by police station, nationality and whether the stays were for up-to 24hours; for 24-48hours; for 48-72hours; for 72hours plus?**

In response to your request, please the data at the end of this letter.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at [foidundee@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foidundee@scotland.police.uk) 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.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.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](mailto: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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	2020/21 - under 24 hours																				
	Ayr	Cathcart	Clydebank	Coatbridge	Dumfries	Dundee	Dunfermline	Falkirk	Fraserburgh	Govan	Greenock	Inverness	Kirkcaldy	Kittybrewster	Livingston	Motherwell	Saltcoats	St Leonards	Stewart	Stranraer	Grand Total
Afghanistan		5														1					6
Albania		3		1	14					2								2			22
Algeria										1								1			2
Bangladesh														1							1
Bolivia					2															2	4
Brazil													2								2
Cameroon		1						1													2
Chad		2								1											3
China		2	1		3		3	2		6									1		18
Congo																				1	1
Egypt		3	1							1	2					3					10
El Salvador											2										2
Eritrea		3								2							3			1	9
Ethiopia		1															1				2
Fiji																		1			1
Gambia			1												1						2
Georgia		3																			3
Ghana		1																			1
India					4													1		1	6
Indonesia									1												1
Iran (Islamic Republic Of )		34			1					7	2					7					51
Iraq		31	1					1		4	5				1	3	1	1			48
Ireland										1											1
Kazakhstan		2																			2

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Kuwait		5																		5	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya									2						2					4	
Lithuania				1										1						2	
Morocco							1												1	2	
Namibia				1					1											2	
Netherlands																			2	2	
Nigeria																		1		1	
Pakistan	1	1			3				1	1									1	8	
Palestinian Territory, Occupied									1											1	
Poland				1								1								2	
Refused / Unable To Disclose									1									1		2	
Romania			1	1					1			1				1	1		5	11	
Saudi Arabia			1																	1	
Sierra Leone														1						1	
Slovakia		1																		1	
Somalia		2																2		4	
South Africa									1											1	
Sudan		23					1		1	1										26	
Syrian Arab Republic		8					1		1	1									1	12	
Thailand						1														1	
Ukraine					2													1		3	
United Kingdom-British Citizen		2	1		1								1		1					6	
United Rep Of Tanzania																			1	1	
United States							1		1		1							1		4	
Uzbekistan																		1		1	
Vietnam		4		1	1				2	3				1	2				1	15	
Yemen		3							2	3										8	
Grand Total	1	140	7	4	33	1	4	7	1	40	20	2	3	2	5	19	7	13	3	15	327

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	2021/22 under 24 hours																						
	Cathcart	Clydebank	Coatbridge	Dumfries	Dundee	Dunfermline	Elgin	Falkirk	Fraserburgh	Govan	Greenock	Inverness	Kilmarnock	Kirkcaldy	Kittybrewster	Livingston	London Road	Motherwell	Saltcoats	St Leonards	Stewart Street	Stranraer	Grand Total
Afghanistan	8									2	1											2	13
Albania	3	1		8						7					1		1	3	1	1	2	1	29
Algeria										2					1								3
Bolivia				3																		1	4
Brazil				1																		3	4
Bulgaria																						1	1
Burundi	1																						1
Cameroon	1									2							1						4
Canada															1								1
Central African Republic			1																				1
Chad	2									2							1						5
China							1			3				4			2	2		2			14
Egypt	3							1		1										1			6
Eritrea	6			2						4	6						1						19
Ethiopia	1	1																					2
Gambia	2					1														1			4
Georgia																	1						1
Ghana	1																			1		2	4
India	1	1		3	1			1		2							1			2		2	14
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)	37			1				1		17	37									2			95
Iraq	15							3		8	11												37
Israel										1													1
Kuwait	1										2						3						6
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1										2												3
Lithuania									2					1									3

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Malaysia					1					2				1										4
Mali											1													1
Morocco										2													1	3
Nepal		1								1														2
Nigeria								1							1									2
Pakistan	1					2				2	2													7
Palestinian Territory, Occupied								2		1	2													5
Poland		2											2	1										5
Portugal													1											1
Qatar												1												1
Refused / Unable To Disclose											2													2
Romania				4									1	1	1								16	23
Russian Federation																				1				1
Saudi Arabia										1	1													2
Senegal																							1	1
Sierra Leone	1									2														3
Somalia	3	1			1					6	2													13
Sudan	29							3		16	26					1					1			76
Syrian Arab Republic	8			1				2		12	23						3				1			50
Togo										1														1
Uganda										1														1
Ukraine																							1	1
United Kingdom- Subject				1																				1
United Kingdom-British Citizen	4										2													6
United Rep Of Tanzania											1													1
United States																					1			1
Vietnam	5									3	4					2	2							16
Yemen	4									1	3													8
Zimbabwe													1										1	2
Grand Total	138	7	1	24	3	3	1	14	2	102	129	4	3	7	4	3	16	5	1	14	2	32	515	

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	2020/21 24-48 hours																
	Cathcart	Coatbridge	Dumfries	Dundee	Falkirk	Fraserburgh	Govan	Greenock	Kilmarnock	Kittybrewster	Livingston	Motherwell	Saltcoats	St Leonards	Stranraer	Wick	Grand Total
Afghanistan	1																1
Albania			8				1										9
Algeria	1		1		1												3
Angola								1				1					2
China				1	1		3				1			3			9
Denmark			1														1
Egypt	3														1		4
Eritrea	1		5				1					3	3				13
Ethiopia	2																2
Greece															1		1
India												1					1
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)	19	1			1			1					1				23
Iraq	13		1				1	2		1		2					20
Israel														1			1
Kuwait	3																3
Lithuania						1									2		3
Malaysia				1													1
Morocco			1														1
Netherlands			1														1
Nigeria														1			1
Pakistan									1					1	1		3
Palestinian Territory, Occupied	2																2
Poland										1					1	1	3
Portugal			1														1
Refused / Unable To Disclose													3				3

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Romania			1	1									1		1		4
Sierra Leone	1																1
Slovakia	1																1
Somalia	3																3
Sudan	10						1										11
Syrian Arab Republic	5																5
Vietnam	2		1				2	1						1			7
Yemen	1																1
Grand Total	68	1	21	3	3	1	9	5	1	2	1	7	8	7	7	1	145

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	2021/22 24-48 hours														
	Cathcart	Clydebank	Dalkeith	Dumfries	Falkirk	Govan	Greenock	Kittybrewster	Livingston	London Road	Saltcoats	St Leonards	Stewart	Stranraer	Grand Total
Afghanistan	2			1							1			2	6
Albania	2	1		10		3				2				2	20
Algeria						1	1								2
Bolivia				1										5	6
Burundi						1									1
Cameroon										1					1
Chad					1	3									4
China										1					1
Egypt							2							1	3
Eritrea	2			1	1	1	2			1				1	9
Ethiopia							1								1
France									1						1
Gambia						1									1
India				1											1
Iran (Islamic Republic Of )	8	1		4	1	10	9	1							34
Iraq	2				2	3	11								18
Kuwait						1	3								4
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya						1									1
Lithuania														1	1
Morocco												1		2	3
Namibia	1		1												2
Nigeria						1									1
Pakistan					1									1	2
Palestinian Territory, Occupied							1								1
Romania				6		1		1		1				3	12

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Rwanda						1									1
Senegal						1									1
Sierra Leone						1									1
Slovakia						1									1
Somalia							1								1
Sudan	5			1	1	8	8			1		2	1	1	28
Syrian Arab Republic	5				4	2	13							2	26
Togo	1														1
Uganda						1									1
United Kingdom-British Citizen						1									1
Vietnam	3			1		1	1								6
Yemen	2					4	1								7
Grand Total	33	2	1	26	11	48	54	2	1	7	1	3	1	21	211

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	2020/21 48-72 Hours			2021/22 48-72 Hours						Grand Total
	Cathcart	Govan	Inverness	Dumfries	Greenock	London Road	Saltcoats	St Leonards	Stranraer	
Albania				1						1
Belgium							1			1
Bulgaria				1						1
Chad						1				1
Iran (Islamic Republic Of )	1									1
Moldova (Republic Of)									1	1
Nigeria					1					1
Pakistan			1							1
Poland								1		1
Romania		1							2	3
Sudan						1				1
Syrian Arab Republic					1					1
Vietnam	1									1
Grand Total	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	15

2020/21 over 72 hours	
	St Leonards
Nigeria	1

2022/22 over 72 hours	
	Greenock
Kuwait	1