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Reference Number: FOI2024/00012

15 August 2024

Dear REDACTED ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your email request for information received on 8 August.

You requested the following:

I am looking to confirm how many civil solicitor advocates currently carry out legal aid work in Scotland.

We can confirm that we do hold this and are pleased to provide you with this information in full.

There are 17 solicitors recorded as being solicitor-advocates who were paid fees **as a solicitor** for civil legal aid work in the 2023-24 financial year.

However only one (1) of these solicitors was paid **as a solicitor-advocate** for civil legal aid work in 202324.

I hope this information is of use to you.

We now consider this request closed.

Kind regards,

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Your right to request a review of decision

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for information, you may ask us to review our decision. A request that we review our decision should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this letter or, if we have not responded to your request, within 40 days of the date by which we should have responded (that would normally be 20 days after receiving your request).

We will review our decision and tell you the outcome within 20 working days of receiving your request.

If, having done so, you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision.

You must submit your request in writing to the Commissioner within 6 months of first receiving notice about the matter you are complaining about.

The Commissioner will not deal with an application unless SLAB's review process has been used and exhausted – in other words, until you have asked us to review our decision and you are not satisfied with our response or have not received a response within 20 working days of your request.

The Commissioner's contact details are:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Website: www.foi.scot

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For details on how to appeal please go to their website www.foi.scot/contactus

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