

REDACTED
BY EMAIL ONLY



Scottish Legal Aid Board

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Reference number: FOI2024/00008

12 August 2024

Dear REDACTED

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

We refer to your request for information received on 29 July.

You requested the following;

Please give statistics on the number of party litigants funded by SLAB in Section 11 (contact and residence cases) Children (Scotland) Act 1995 in each of the last 5 available years (or longer if you have them).

If possible, please break the statistics into party litigant as pursuer, and party litigant as defender.

And if further possible, break the statistics down between male and female party litigants.

The total number of party litigants who have received legal aid is: 0

Legal aid is only available when applied for through a solicitor who is registered to undertake legal aid work. As party litigants do not have legal representation because they are representing themselves, they are not eligible to access legal aid.

We now view the request as closed.

Included below are details about your right to request a review of this decision.

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.itspublicknowledge.info

E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Your appeal can also be dealt with online. The Commissioner has an online appeal service which is available 24/7 and offers requesters real time help and advice about their appeal. This can be accessed at:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Kind Regards,

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If you need us to change how we communicate with you, please let us know by sending details to communicationsupport@slab.org.uk. Where possible, we will consider all reasonable adjustments and requests