



Re-use of Public Sector Information Public Task Statement 2016

Scottish Information Commissioner

1. This statement describes the Scottish Information Commissioner's Public Task for the purposes of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 (the Regulations).

Public task

2. The Scottish Information Commissioner (the Commissioner) is responsible for enforcing, and promoting the observance by Scottish public authorities of, the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs) and associated Codes of Practice issued under Sections 60, 61 and 62 of FOISA.
3. The Commissioner's statutory functions include:
 - (i) Approving (and monitoring) Scottish public authorities' publication schemes.
 - (ii) Investigating, deciding and enforcing applications about authorities' handling of information requests.
 - (iii) Assessing, promoting and monitoring good FOI practice.
 - (iv) Giving advice and assistance about access to information under FOI legislation.
 - (v) Making proposals to the Scottish Ministers about which bodies (in the Commissioner's view) deliver functions of a public nature and so should be considered for designation as a Scottish public authority under FOI legislation.
4. The Commissioner also investigates and decides appeals about complaints made under the INSPIRE (Scotland) Regulations 2009 where the complaint involves a refusal to grant full public access to a spatial data set or service.
5. The Commissioner holds and, where possible, publishes information produced under this public task. Much of the information is accessible through the Commissioner's Publication Scheme and is downloadable from the [website](#) (or on request).
6. The Commissioner has adopted the [Open Government Licence](#) for public sector information. You are encouraged to use and re-use information under this licence, freely and flexibly, with

only a few conditions. For more information read the [terms and conditions](#) on the Commissioner's website.

7. Questions about the Commissioner's public task statement or complaints about the decisions made by the Commissioner under the Regulations should be sent to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info.
8. This statement will be reviewed every four years.

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