

UPDATE FROM THE SCOTTISH INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

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New guidance on requests responded to between 7 April and 26 May 2020

The Commissioner has published new guidance for authorities on how the recent changes to the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act and Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act affect requests for information or review which were **responded to between 7 April and 26 May 2020**.

The additional guidance sets out that while the 20-working day maximum time limit applies to all other requests, where a request for information or review was **responded to in the period 7 April to 26 May 2020**, this will be judged by the Commissioner in accordance with the **60 working day limit** that was in force at the time.

This additional guidance (and updated answers to FAQs for authorities) is now available on the Commissioner's [Covid-19 and FOI information hub](#).

The Commissioner's office and services

Like many other Scottish public authorities, the office of the Scottish Information Commissioner has been impacted by the coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic.

Though our office premises are temporarily closed in line with government guidance, most of our services are still available and are being conducted using secure remote systems (including enforcement investigations and appeals).

Read more about the Commissioner's current services and activity in the [latest update](#).

You can also read the [Commissioner's article in today's Herald](#), on the importance of freedom of information during the pandemic and beyond.

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