



**Scottish Information Commissioner
Public Awareness Research
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Scotland's Biggest and Fastest Omnibus
(1009 Scottish adults age 18+)*

Q1 – Which of the following organisations...would you say is a public authority? By age, sex and social grade.

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Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Local NHS Hospitals	833 83%	90 80%	170 86%	164 82%	134 83%	101 76%	173 84%	158 84%	231 82%	169 84%	275 82%	384 80%	449 85%
Scottish Executive	781 77%	89 78%	155 79%	168 84%	118 73%	96 72%	156 76%	161 86%	242 86%	139 69%	239 71%	370 77%	411 78%
BBC Scotland	466 46%	47 41%	64 32%	94 47%	70 44%	67 51%	124 61%	86 46%	124 44%	82 41%	174 52%	205 43%	261 50%
The Police	927 92%	106 93%	187 95%	184 92%	146 90%	123 93%	180 88%	175 93%	265 94%	181 90%	305 90%	441 92%	486 92%
Local councils	916 91%	101 89%	179 91%	193 97%	144 90%	118 89%	182 89%	174 93%	270 96%	177 87%	295 88%	428 89%	488 93%
Scottish Gas	289 29%	31 27%	36 18%	55 28%	43 26%	41 31%	84 41%	37 20%	72 26%	59 29%	121 36%	113 23%	177 34%
Scottish Parliament	808 80%	98 87%	158 80%	169 85%	128 80%	99 74%	157 76%	159 85%	238 84%	153 76%	259 77%	370 77%	438 83%
Scottish Water	431 43%	48 42%	72 37%	79 40%	62 39%	70 53%	99 48%	58 31%	122 43%	84 41%	167 50%	195 40%	236 45%
Universities	536 53%	54 48%	101 51%	117 58%	84 52%	70 52%	111 54%	99 53%	150 53%	110 54%	177 53%	225 47%	311 59%
NHS GP (an NHS doctor)	664 66%	73 65%	132 67%	142 71%	107 66%	81 61%	128 62%	123 65%	187 66%	140 69%	215 64%	307 64%	357 68%
Are there any other public authorities you can think of?	22 2%	1 1%	5 3%	3 1%	7 4%	5 4%	1 1%	8 4%	7 2%	2 1%	5 1%	17 4%	5 1%
None of the above	9 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	1 1%	6 3%	- -	1 1%	2 1%	6 2%	1 0%	8 2%

Q1 –Which of the following organisations...would you say is a public authority? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dum fries	Fife	Gram pian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unw eighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Local NHS Hospitals	833 83%	51 82%	34 91%	71 89%	78 87%	75 82%	145 82%	329 81%	50 81%
Scottish Executive	781 77%	46 74%	27 70%	66 83%	69 76%	70 76%	143 81%	313 77%	48 77%
BBC Scotland	466 46%	37 59%	13 34%	39 50%	39 43%	54 58%	81 46%	177 44%	26 42%
The Police	927 92%	61 98%	35 92%	76 96%	82 91%	83 91%	159 90%	374 92%	56 90%
Local councils	916 91%	59 94%	34 90%	75 94%	79 88%	76 83%	165 93%	369 90%	59 95%
Scottish Gas	289 29%	16 25%	9 24%	36 45%	25 28%	29 31%	50 28%	104 26%	20 32%
Scottish Parliament	808 80%	54 86%	27 72%	65 82%	76 84%	76 83%	140 79%	320 79%	50 80%
Scottish Water	431 43%	30 48%	10 27%	50 64%	33 36%	46 50%	71 40%	161 40%	29 46%
Universities	536 53%	36 58%	20 54%	44 56%	39 43%	54 59%	88 50%	217 53%	37 59%
NHS GP (an NHS doctor)	664 66%	39 63%	18 48%	54 68%	52 58%	59 64%	124 70%	275 67%	44 70%
Are there any other public authorities you can think of?	22 2%	- -	- -	2 3%	2 2%	4 5%	4 2%	7 2%	2 3%
None of the above	9 1%	1 2%	- -	- -	1 1%	1 1%	1 0%	4 1%	2 3%



Q1a - Which OTHER organisations...would you say is a public authority?

FIRE SERVICES / FIRE BRIGADE	9
EDUCATION OFFICERS / EDUCATION / EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES / SCOTTISH EDUCATION AUTHORITY / SCOTTISH EDUCATION OFFICES	5
SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (SEPA) / SEPA / S.E.P.A. OFFICE FOR RURAL AFFAIRS	3
SPORTS COUNCILS	2
AMBULANCE	1
BIN MEN	1
MI5	1
WELFARE ORGANISATIONS	1



Q2 – Have you ever asked for a copy of recorded information that a public authority holds (by information I do not mean things such as phoning a hospital for visiting hours or checking the availability of a book from your local library, but copies from the records or documents that a public authority might hold)? By age, sex and social grade.

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Yes	47 5%	7 6%	5 3%	6 3%	19 12%	6 5%	4 2%	16 9%	16 6%	5 2%	9 3%	23 5%	24 5%
No	961 95%	107 94%	192 97%	193 97%	142 88%	126 95%	200 98%	171 91%	266 94%	197 97%	327 97%	458 95%	502 95%
Don't know	2 0%	- -	- -	- -	1 0%	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	1 0%	1 0%	1 0%	1 0%

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No	961 95%	62 99%	37 97%	75 94%	84 93%	88 96%	171 96%	384 94%	60 97%
Don't know	2 0%	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 0%	- -

Q3 – Which of the following public authorities have you ever asked for information from? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	48	5	3	6	20	9	5	18	16	8	6	24	24
Weighted	47	7	5	6	19	6	4	16	16	5	9	23	24
Local NHS Hospitals	13 28%	1 22%	- -	4 72%	5 24%	1 12%	2 53%	7 41%	2 10%	2 46%	3 29%	5 23%	8 33%
Scottish Executive	7 15%	1 10%	- -	3 52%	3 16%	- -	- -	5 29%	2 13%	- -	- -	3 13%	4 17%
BBC Scotland	1 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 12%	- -	1 5%	- -	- -	- -	1 3%	- -
The Police	2 5%	- -	2 31%	1 10%	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 10%	1 13%	- -	2 7%	1 3%
Local councils	19 42%	1 10%	2 31%	3 54%	10 50%	4 70%	- -	9 56%	9 52%	1 13%	1 11%	10 43%	10 40%
Scottish Gas	3 6%	- -	- -	2 26%	- -	- -	1 36%	2 10%	- -	- -	1 14%	- -	3 12%
Scottish Parliament	6 12%	3 44%	- -	2 26%	1 4%	- -	0 12%	2 10%	4 23%	0 10%	- -	1 5%	5 19%
Scottish Water	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 10%	- -	1 4%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 3%
Universities	3 7%	1 10%	1 18%	- -	2 9%	- -	- -	1 6%	1 8%	1 20%	- -	2 10%	1 4%
NHS GP (an NHS doctor)	7 15%	2 34%	- -	1 10%	2 9%	1 20%	1 36%	1 5%	2 14%	1 24%	3 32%	2 11%	5 19%
Any other organisations you have asked for information from?	1 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 10%	0 12%	1 4%	- -	0 10%	- -	- -	1 4%
None of the above	3 7%	- -	3 50%	- -	1 4%	- -	- -	1 5%	- -	- -	3 27%	3 15%	- -

Q3 – Which of the following public authorities have you ever asked for information from? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	48	1	1	5	5	4	6	23	3
Weighted	47	1	0	4	6	4	6	23	2
Local NHS Hospitals	13 28%	- -	- -	1 23%	3 46%	- -	2 30%	6 26%	1 66%
Scottish Executive	7 15%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 41%	1 10%	5 21%	- -
BBC Scotland	1 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 3%	- -
The Police	2 5%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 10%	- -
Local councils	19 42%	1 100%	- -	4 100%	1 18%	1 39%	2 36%	9 39%	1 34%
Scottish Gas	3 6%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 38%	- -	2 7%	- -
Scottish Parliament	6 12%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 10%	5 22%	- -
Scottish Water	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 3%	- -
Universities	3 7%	- -	- -	1 23%	- -	1 18%	1 10%	1 4%	- -
NHS GP (an NHS doctor)	7 15%	- -	- -	- -	2 36%	1 38%	2 35%	1 6%	- -
Any other organisations you have asked for information from?	1 2%	- -	0 100%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 3%	- -
None of the above	3 7%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 15%	- -

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Q3 – Which of the following public authorities have you ever asked for information from? By Q4 – Which of the following statements best describes your experience of the most recent request?

	Base	Local NHS Hospitals	Scottish Executive	BBC Scotland	The Police	Local councils	Scottish Gas	Scottish Parliament	Scottish Water	Universities	NHS GP (an NHS doctor)	Any other organisations you h...	None of the above
Unweighted	48	14	7	1	2	22	2	5	1	4	6	2	2
Weighted	47	13	7	1	2	19	3	6	1	3	7	1	3
Very positive, I got information I asked for promptly	21 45%	8 62%	3 44%	- -	2 72%	8 41%	1 46%	1 11%	1 100%	3 81%	4 49%	0 42%	- -
Satisfactory, I was given the information but it took some time	22 47%	2 15%	2 33%	1 100%	1 28%	10 50%	- -	3 53%	- -	1 19%	4 51%	- -	3 100%
Unsatisfactory, they replied but I didn't get the information I requested	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 58%	- -
Poor, they didn't reply to my request	1 3%	1 11%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	0 8%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
None of the above [DO NOT READ OUT]	2 3%	2 12%	2 23%	- -	- -	2 8%	2 54%	2 27%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -



Q3a - Any OTHER organisations you have asked for information from?

	LOCAL MP'S OFFICE	1
	NHS PRIMARY CARE	1

Q4 – Which of the following statements best describes your experience of the most recent request? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	48	5	3	6	20	9	5	18	16	8	6	24	24
Weighted	47	7	5	6	19	6	4	16	16	5	9	23	24
Very positive, I got information I asked for promptly	21 45%	2 32%	3 50%	2 26%	8 42%	3 54%	3 88%	5 33%	6 39%	2 50%	7 73%	12 52%	9 37%
Satisfactory, I was given the information but it took some time	22 47%	4 68%	3 50%	3 48%	10 52%	2 36%	-	8 47%	10 61%	2 40%	3 27%	10 46%	12 49%
Unsatisfactory, they replied but I didn't get the information I requested	1 1%	-	-	-	-	1 10%	-	1 4%	-	-	-	-	1 3%
Poor, they didn't reply to my request	1 3%	-	-	-	1 5%	-	0 12%	1 6%	-	0 10%	-	0 2%	1 4%
None of the above [DO NOT READ OUT]	2 3%	-	-	2 26%	-	-	-	2 10%	-	-	-	-	2 7%

Q4 – Which of the following statements best describes your experience of the most recent request? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	48	1	1	5	5	4	6	23	3
Weighted	47	1	0	4	6	4	6	23	2
Very positive, I got information I asked for promptly	21 45%	- -	0 100%	2 40%	4 65%	2 59%	3 53%	7 31%	2 100%
Satisfactory, I was given the information but it took some time	22 47%	1 100%	- -	3 60%	1 18%	1 41%	3 47%	13 58%	- -
Unsatisfactory, they replied but I didn't get the information I requested	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 3%	- -
Poor, they didn't reply to my request	1 3%	- -	- -	- -	1 17%	- -	- -	0 2%	- -
None of the above [DO NOT READ OUT]	2 3%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 7%	- -

Q5 – In your opinion what legal rights do you think you have to see information held by public authorities? Would you say...? By age, sex and social grade.

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Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
I have the legal right to see any information I ask for	369 37%	32 29%	77 39%	78 39%	61 38%	47 35%	75 36%	62 33%	104 37%	79 39%	124 37%	201 42%	167 32%
I have the legal right to see personal information they hold about me but it is up to the authority	537 53%	70 62%	100 51%	116 58%	90 56%	62 47%	99 48%	120 64%	163 58%	101 50%	152 45%	233 48%	304 58%
I don't have any legal rights, its up to the organisation to decide what information they give out	85 8%	12 11%	14 7%	13 7%	12 8%	16 12%	17 8%	13 7%	24 8%	14 7%	35 10%	40 8%	45 9%
Other [DO NOT READ OUT] (SPECIFY)	2 0%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 1%	1 1%	- -	0 0%	- -	0 0%	1 0%
Unsure [DO NOT READ OUT]	70 7%	4 4%	11 6%	9 5%	9 6%	12 9%	24 12%	3 2%	13 5%	17 8%	37 11%	32 7%	38 7%

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Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
I have the legal right to see any information I ask for	369 37%	26 42%	10 25%	35 44%	34 38%	31 34%	58 33%	154 38%	20 32%
I have the legal right to see personal information they hold about me but it is up to the authority	537 53%	38 62%	26 70%	43 54%	40 44%	42 45%	103 58%	207 51%	37 60%
I don't have any legal rights, its up to the organisation to decide what information they give out	85 8%	2 2%	5 14%	4 5%	8 9%	13 14%	11 6%	36 9%	6 9%
Other [DO NOT READ OUT] (SPECIFY)	2 0%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	0 1%
Unsure [DO NOT READ OUT]	70 7%	1 2%	2 4%	5 6%	12 13%	7 8%	9 5%	30 7%	4 7%



Q5a - What legal rights do you think you have to see information ..?

IT DEPENDS ON THE SITUATION	1
WOULD DEPEND ON WHICH PUBLIC AUTHORITY	1

Q6 – Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Yes, definitely	306 30%	28 25%	51 26%	73 37%	60 37%	39 29%	55 27%	87 46%	91 32%	53 26%	76 22%	168 35%	137 26%
Yes, I think so	142 14%	15 13%	29 15%	16 8%	32 20%	23 17%	26 13%	38 20%	43 15%	27 13%	35 10%	75 16%	67 13%
No, I don't think so	86 9%	7 6%	17 8%	24 12%	9 5%	6 5%	24 12%	14 8%	25 9%	13 6%	35 10%	32 7%	54 10%
No, definitely not	471 47%	64 56%	99 50%	86 43%	60 37%	65 49%	99 48%	49 26%	122 43%	110 55%	191 57%	204 42%	267 51%
Unsure	3 0%	0 0%	2 1%	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	0 0%	2 1%	- -	1 0%	2 0%	2 0%

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Yes, definitely	306 30%	27 43%	8 21%	21 26%	20 23%	14 15%	57 32%	145 35%	15 23%
Yes, I think so	142 14%	6 9%	4 12%	13 16%	15 17%	8 8%	27 15%	63 15%	7 11%
No, I don't think so	86 9%	3 4%	2 5%	7 9%	4 5%	14 15%	9 5%	39 9%	9 14%
No, definitely not	471 47%	27 44%	22 59%	39 49%	49 54%	56 61%	84 48%	161 39%	32 51%
Unsure	3 0%	- -	1 4%	- -	2 2%	- -	- -	0 0%	- -

Q6 – Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act? Q7 – The Freedom of Information (Scotland) act is a new law coming into force on 1st January 2005. I appreciate that you may not be fully aware of this act but I would like you to tell me what rights you think a Freedom of Information act might entitle you to?

	Base	Yes, definitely	Yes, I think so	No, I don't think so	No, definitely not	Unsure
Unweighted	1009	315	148	82	461	3
Weighted	1009	306	142	86	471	3
To see any general information held by a public authority	326 32%	137 45%	49 35%	19 22%	119 25%	2 61%
To see any personal information a public authority holds about me	423 42%	166 54%	81 57%	39 45%	138 29%	- -
To see any personal information a private company holds about me	238 24%	86 28%	50 35%	23 27%	79 17%	- -
To see any general information held by any private company	72 7%	25 8%	15 11%	7 8%	25 5%	- -
To see information normally kept confidential by public authorities	78 8%	30 10%	20 14%	1 1%	27 6%	- -
Other rights (SPECIFY)	21 2%	6 2%	1 1%	1 1%	13 3%	- -
Unsure	412 41%	80 26%	46 32%	37 43%	247 53%	1 39%

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To see any personal information a public authority holds about me	423 42%	55 49%	87 44%	91 46%	73 45%	48 36%	69 34%	97 52%	131 46%	76 38%	120 36%	204 42%	219 42%
To see any personal information a private company holds about me	238 24%	31 27%	45 23%	49 25%	40 25%	33 25%	40 19%	53 28%	69 25%	53 26%	63 19%	116 24%	122 23%
To see any general information held by any private company	72 7%	10 9%	17 9%	7 4%	12 7%	10 7%	16 8%	11 6%	26 9%	15 7%	20 6%	43 9%	29 5%
To see information normally kept confidential by public authorities	78 8%	9 8%	22 11%	15 7%	10 6%	10 8%	11 6%	17 9%	24 9%	14 7%	22 6%	48 10%	29 6%
Other rights (SPECIFY)	21 2%	4 3%	2 1%	3 2%	2 2%	6 4%	4 2%	2 1%	8 3%	6 3%	6 2%	11 2%	10 2%
Unsure	412 41%	41 36%	74 38%	70 35%	66 41%	56 42%	104 51%	55 29%	103 37%	87 43%	166 49%	188 39%	223 42%

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To see any personal information a private company holds about me	238 24%	12 19%	13 34%	14 18%	26 29%	14 15%	44 25%	103 25%	13 21%
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To see information normally kept confidential by public authorities	78 8%	6 10%	2 6%	4 5%	8 9%	5 6%	17 9%	33 8%	2 3%
Other rights (SPECIFY)	21 2%	1 1%	3 7%	1 1%	6 6%	2 2%	2 1%	7 2%	- -
Unsure	412 41%	31 50%	11 30%	37 46%	34 38%	52 56%	61 35%	158 39%	27 44%



What rights do you think a Freedom of Information act might entitle you to?

FREEDOM OF SPEECH / RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH / TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK MY MIND	4
MEDICAL RECORDS / NHS / TO SEE PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION ONLY	3
TOTAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION / ACCESS TO ALL INFORMATION YOU ASK FOR	2
ANY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION	1
ANY INFO EXCEPT WHAT RELATES TO DEFENCE / SECURITY	1
DECENT WAGE	1
INFORMATION ON HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	1
INFORMATION ON THE PROPERTY I'M IN FROM PREVIOUS TENANTS	1
LOCAL AUTHORITY RECORDS	1
CREDIT RECORDS	1
POLICE	1
RIGHT TO RESPECT	1
TO BE HONEST. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE NOT VERY HONEST	1
TO CHANGE THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT	1
TO KNOW IF MY INFO IS BEING GIVEN OUT	1
TO LOOK INTO THINGS THAT COULD HELP YOU OR OTHER PEOPLE	1
TO SEE INFO REGARDING YOUR GP	1
TO SHARE YOUR OPINION WITH THE GOVERNMENT	1

Q8 – How likely are you to ask for information from a Scottish public authority in the next year? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Very likely	26 3%	5 4%	4 2%	7 3%	3 2%	3 3%	3 2%	6 3%	10 3%	5 2%	5 2%	13 3%	13 2%
Quite likely	89 9%	6 5%	22 11%	16 8%	17 11%	15 11%	13 6%	27 14%	29 10%	15 7%	19 6%	47 10%	41 8%
Neither / Nor	35 3%	3 3%	7 3%	5 2%	2 1%	8 6%	11 5%	3 1%	12 4%	6 3%	15 4%	14 3%	22 4%
Quite unlikely	226 22%	26 23%	40 20%	56 28%	42 26%	27 20%	34 17%	36 19%	77 27%	41 20%	71 21%	110 23%	115 22%
Very unlikely	564 56%	65 58%	119 60%	102 51%	82 51%	72 55%	124 60%	102 54%	140 50%	127 63%	195 58%	275 57%	289 55%
Unsure	70 7%	8 7%	6 3%	14 7%	15 9%	7 5%	20 10%	14 8%	14 5%	9 5%	32 10%	23 5%	47 9%

Q8 – How likely are you to ask for information from a Scottish public authority in the next year? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Very likely	26 3%	1 2%	1 3%	2 2%	1 1%	2 2%	6 3%	12 3%	1 2%
Quite likely	89 9%	6 10%	5 14%	9 11%	10 11%	7 8%	12 7%	36 9%	3 5%
Neither / Nor	35 3%	1 2%	3 7%	1 2%	6 7%	1 2%	8 5%	12 3%	3 4%
Quite unlikely	226 22%	16 26%	7 19%	16 20%	15 17%	20 21%	45 25%	90 22%	17 27%
Very unlikely	564 56%	35 56%	19 51%	47 60%	52 57%	59 64%	90 51%	227 56%	35 56%
Unsure	70 7%	3 4%	2 5%	4 5%	6 7%	3 3%	15 9%	32 8%	4 6%

Q9a – Have you ever heard of the Scottish Information Commissioner? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Yes, definitely	58 6%	8 7%	14 7%	12 6%	11 7%	4 3%	10 5%	12 6%	16 6%	11 5%	19 6%	20 4%	38 7%
Yes, I think so	22 2%	0 0%	1 1%	8 4%	4 3%	5 3%	4 2%	7 4%	7 3%	6 3%	2 1%	13 3%	9 2%
No, I don't think so	52 5%	1 1%	3 2%	20 10%	7 4%	9 7%	12 6%	11 6%	15 5%	3 1%	23 7%	31 6%	21 4%
No, definitely not	874 87%	102 90%	179 91%	160 80%	139 86%	115 87%	179 87%	157 84%	242 86%	183 90%	291 86%	416 86%	458 87%
Unsure	3 0%	1 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	1 1%	- -	1 0%	- -	2 1%	2 0%	1 0%

Q9a – Have you ever heard of the Scottish Information Commissioner? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Yes, definitely	58 6%	5 8%	1 3%	3 4%	3 3%	3 3%	8 5%	31 8%	5 8%
Yes, I think so	22 2%	1 2%	- -	0 1%	1 1%	4 4%	6 4%	6 2%	3 5%
No, I don't think so	52 5%	8 12%	- -	4 5%	4 5%	6 6%	10 5%	20 5%	0 1%
No, definitely not	874 87%	49 78%	37 97%	72 90%	82 91%	80 87%	152 86%	348 85%	54 86%
Unsure	3 0%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	2 1%	- -

Q9b – Where do you recall seeing / hearing about the Scottish Information Commissioner? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	81	8	10	15	20	11	17	17	26	25	13	33	48
Weighted	80	8	15	20	15	8	13	19	23	16	22	33	47
Newspaper Editorial	15 18%	-	2 15%	-	5 32%	4 45%	4 30%	1 7%	5 20%	4 26%	4 20%	4 13%	10 22%
Newspaper Advertising	14 18%	-	4 26%	6 28%	2 15%	-	3 20%	5 28%	2 7%	2 11%	6 26%	8 24%	6 14%
Radio	4 5%	-	-	1 7%	1 5%	2 19%	-	2 12%	1 3%	-	1 4%	3 9%	1 2%
T.V.	19 24%	1 13%	5 32%	5 23%	3 19%	2 28%	4 27%	5 24%	5 23%	4 26%	5 24%	10 29%	10 21%
Word of mouth	9 11%	1 7%	-	4 22%	1 7%	2 18%	1 10%	1 7%	3 11%	3 19%	2 9%	3 8%	6 14%
Leaflet	2 2%	-	-	-	1 4%	1 9%	0 3%	-	1 3%	1 6%	-	1 4%	1 1%
Billboards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other (Please Specify)	22 27%	6 74%	4 28%	8 40%	2 16%	-	1 6%	7 36%	8 35%	3 17%	4 18%	9 28%	12 26%
Unsure	4 4%	0 6%	-	-	1 7%	1 9%	1 10%	2 8%	1 3%	-	1 6%	-	4 8%

Q9b – Where do you recall seeing / hearing about the Scottish Information Commissioner? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	81	6	2	5	5	5	13	35	10
Weighted	80	6	1	3	4	6	15	37	8
Newspaper Editorial	15 18%	1 11%	- -	1 43%	1 23%	1 9%	3 23%	6 15%	2 28%
Newspaper Advertising	14 18%	2 32%	0 41%	- -	- -	4 56%	1 9%	6 17%	1 10%
Radio	4 5%	- -	- -	- -	2 46%	1 12%	1 9%	- -	- -
T.V.	19 24%	2 30%	1 59%	1 25%	1 23%	- -	4 29%	9 25%	2 23%
Word of mouth	9 11%	- -	- -	- -	1 25%	- -	5 33%	3 9%	- -
Leaflet	2 2%	- -	- -	1 35%	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	- -
Billboards	-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Internet	=	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other (Please Specify)	22 27%	1 18%	- -	- -	- -	1 23%	4 30%	12 32%	3 39%
Unsure	4 4%	0 8%	- -	1 22%	1 29%	- -	- -	1 4%	- -

Q9b – Where do you recall seeing / hearing about the Scottish Information Commissioner? by Q9a – Have you ever heard of the Scottish Information Commissioner?

	Base	Yes, definitely	Yes, I think so	No, I don't think so	No, definitely not	Unsure
Unweighted	81	55	26	-	-	-
Weighted	80	58	22	-	-	-
Newspaper Editorial	15 18%	11 20%	3 15%	- -	- -	- -
Newspaper Advertising	14 18%	11 19%	4 16%	- -	- -	- -
Radio	4 5%	2 3%	2 10%	- -	- -	- -
T.V.	19 24%	14 24%	6 25%	- -	- -	- -
Word of mouth	9 11%	4 7%	5 22%	- -	- -	- -
Leaflet	2 2%	1 2%	0 2%	- -	- -	- -
Billboards	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Internet	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Other (Please Specify)	22 27%	16 28%	6 25%	- -	- -	- -
Unsure	4 4%	2 4%	2 7%	- -	- -	- -



Q9c - Where do you recall seeing / hearing about the Scottish Information Commissioner?

WORK / DOCUMENTATION FROM WORK / PRESENTATION AT WORK ABOUT FREEDOM OF INFO / THOUGH WORK WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY / THROUGH EMPLOYMENT WITH THE POLICE / THROUGH WORK / WORK IN HOSPITAL	15
ON UNIVERSITY COURSE / THROUGH UNI	2
SUPERVISOR ON THE CENSUS - HEARD ABOUT IT THROUGH WORD OF MOUTH THERE	1

Q10a – I am going to read out a list of duties that may be carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. How aware would you say you are that these duties are in fact carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner? Firstly, how aware would you say you are that the Scottish Information Commissioner is responsible for...Telling people about their right to see information held by Scottish public authorities? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Aware	62 6%	7 6%	12 6%	15 8%	9 6%	9 7%	8 4%	10 5%	17 6%	12 6%	23 7%	31 7%	30 6%
Neither / nor	6 1%	1 1%	1 0%	2 1%	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	- -	3 1%	1 1%	2 1%	2 0%	4 1%
Not aware	863 86%	88 77%	176 89%	168 84%	138 86%	119 90%	175 85%	160 85%	238 84%	180 89%	285 85%	407 84%	456 87%
Don't know	77 8%	18 16%	8 4%	14 7%	13 8%	4 3%	21 10%	17 9%	24 8%	10 5%	27 8%	41 9%	36 7%

Q10a – I am going to read out a list of duties that may be carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. How aware would you say you are that these duties are in fact carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner? How aware would you say you are that the Scottish Information Commissioner is responsible for... Telling people about their right to see information held by Scottish public authorities? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Aware	62 6%	3 5%	1 3%	4 5%	3 4%	7 7%	11 6%	29 7%	4 6%
Neither / nor	6 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	4 2%	- -	2 3%
Not aware	863 86%	56 89%	34 90%	67 85%	77 86%	84 92%	145 82%	343 84%	57 91%
Don't know	77 8%	4 6%	3 7%	8 9%	10 11%	1 1%	18 10%	36 9%	- -

Q10b – I am going to read out a list of duties that may be carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. How aware would you say you are that these duties are in fact carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner? How aware would you say you are that the Scottish Information Commissioner is responsible for... Investigating complaints when people don't get the information they request from public authorities? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Aware	74 7%	8 7%	14 7%	19 10%	14 9%	11 8%	8 4%	14 7%	19 7%	16 8%	26 8%	38 8%	36 7%
Neither / nor	7 1%	- -	3 2%	- -	1 1%	1 1%	1 0%	1 0%	6 2%	1 0%	- -	4 1%	3 1%
Not aware	847 84%	84 74%	171 87%	166 83%	135 84%	117 88%	174 85%	156 83%	233 83%	176 87%	281 83%	395 82%	452 86%
Don't know	81 8%	22 19%	8 4%	14 7%	11 7%	3 2%	23 11%	17 9%	24 9%	10 5%	30 9%	45 9%	36 7%

Q10b – I am going to read out a list of duties that may be carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. How aware would you say you are that these duties are in fact carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner? How aware would you say you are that the Scottish Information Commissioner is responsible for... Investigating complaints when people don't get the information they request from public authorities? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Aware	74 7%	5 8%	1 3%	4 5%	5 5%	7 7%	16 9%	32 8%	5 9%
Neither / nor	7 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	2 1%	4 1%	- -
Not aware	847 84%	50 79%	35 94%	68 86%	75 83%	84 91%	141 80%	337 83%	57 91%
Don't know	81 8%	7 12%	1 4%	8 9%	10 11%	1 1%	19 11%	35 9%	- -

Q10c – I am going to read out a list of duties that may be carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. How aware would you say you are that these duties are in fact carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner How aware would you say you are that the Scottish Information Commissioner is responsible for... Dealing with complaints about Data Protection legislation? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Aware	69 7%	7 6%	14 7%	19 9%	10 6%	10 8%	9 4%	11 6%	18 6%	15 8%	25 7%	35 7%	35 7%
Neither / nor	5 0%	1 1%	- -	1 1%	1 1%	2 1%	1 0%	2 1%	2 1%	1 0%	- -	3 1%	2 0%
Not aware	855 85%	85 75%	175 89%	165 83%	139 86%	118 89%	174 85%	157 84%	238 84%	177 87%	283 84%	402 84%	453 86%
Don't know	79 8%	22 19%	8 4%	14 7%	11 7%	3 2%	21 10%	17 9%	24 8%	10 5%	29 9%	42 9%	37 7%

Q10c – I am going to read out a list of duties that may be carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. How aware would you say you are that these duties are in fact carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner How aware would you say you are that the Scottish Information Commissioner is responsible for... Dealing with complaints about Data Protection legislation? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Aware	69 7%	7 12%	1 3%	3 4%	3 3%	7 7%	10 5%	34 8%	4 7%
Neither / nor	5 0%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	4 2%	1 0%	- -
Not aware	855 85%	49 78%	35 94%	69 86%	76 84%	84 91%	145 82%	339 83%	58 93%
Don't know	79 8%	6 10%	1 4%	8 9%	11 12%	1 1%	18 10%	34 8%	- -

Q10d – I am going to read out a list of duties that may be carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. How aware would you say you are that these duties are in fact carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner How aware would you say you are that the Scottish Information Commissioner is responsible for... Making sure that public authorities comply with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Aware	79 8%	7 6%	13 7%	21 11%	16 10%	9 6%	13 7%	14 8%	20 7%	14 7%	30 9%	33 7%	46 9%
Neither / nor	4 0%	- -	- -	2 1%	1 0%	2 1%	- -	1 0%	1 0%	1 0%	2 1%	2 0%	3 0%
Not aware	853 85%	91 81%	176 89%	163 82%	134 83%	119 90%	170 83%	154 82%	240 85%	178 88%	281 83%	402 83%	451 86%
Don't know	73 7%	15 14%	8 4%	14 7%	11 7%	3 2%	22 11%	18 10%	21 8%	10 5%	24 7%	46 9%	28 5%

Q10d – I am going to read out a list of duties that may be carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. How aware would you say you are that these duties are in fact carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner? How aware would you say you are that the Scottish Information Commissioner is responsible for... Making sure that public authorities comply with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Aware	79 8%	6 10%	0 1%	4 5%	5 5%	7 7%	17 10%	33 8%	6 10%
Neither / nor	4 0%	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	1 0%	1 0%	2 3%
Not aware	853 85%	53 85%	36 95%	70 88%	75 84%	84 91%	139 78%	342 84%	54 87%
Don't know	73 7%	4 6%	1 4%	5 7%	10 11%	1 1%	21 12%	32 8%	- -

Q10e – I am going to read out a list of duties that may be carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. How aware would you say you are that these duties are in fact carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner How aware would you say you are that the Scottish Information Commissioner is responsible for... Providing information about public services? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Aware	68 7%	8 7%	12 6%	14 7%	16 10%	8 6%	10 5%	8 4%	14 5%	16 8%	30 9%	32 7%	37 7%
Neither / nor	7 1%	- -	- -	3 2%	1 1%	2 2%	- -	3 1%	2 1%	1 0%	2 1%	2 0%	5 1%
Not aware	859 85%	90 79%	179 91%	166 83%	133 83%	119 90%	172 84%	158 84%	245 87%	176 87%	279 83%	403 84%	456 87%
Don't know	75 7%	16 14%	7 3%	16 8%	11 7%	3 2%	22 11%	18 10%	20 7%	10 5%	26 8%	45 9%	29 6%



Q10e – I am going to read out a list of duties that may be carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner. How aware would you say you are that these duties are in fact carried out by the Scottish Information Commissioner? How aware would you say you are that the Scottish Information Commissioner is responsible for... Providing information about public services? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Aware	68 7%	8 14%	1 3%	5 6%	5 5%	6 7%	5 3%	35 8%	3 5%
Neither / nor	7 1%	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	3 2%	1 0%	2 3%
Not aware	859 85%	52 83%	35 94%	69 87%	74 82%	84 92%	145 82%	343 84%	57 91%
Don't know	75 7%	2 4%	1 4%	5 7%	11 12%	1 1%	24 14%	29 7%	- -



Q11a – I am going to read out some statements about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act and ask you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Even if you aren't aware of this act, it's your impression that I am interested in. So, firstly, how strongly do you agree or disagree that...As a result of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act, Public authorities will become more open and accountable? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Agree strongly	444 44%	27 24%	81 41%	99 50%	77 47%	64 48%	96 47%	79 42%	124 44%	106 53%	134 40%	204 42%	239 45%
Agree slightly	350 35%	57 51%	81 41%	53 27%	55 34%	39 29%	64 31%	66 35%	102 36%	53 26%	129 38%	170 35%	179 34%
Neither / nor	36 4%	8 7%	2 1%	7 4%	6 3%	6 5%	6 3%	4 2%	14 5%	8 4%	10 3%	10 2%	26 5%
Disagree slightly	57 6%	5 5%	10 5%	22 11%	12 7%	5 3%	4 2%	19 10%	15 5%	14 7%	10 3%	32 7%	25 5%
Disagree strongly	65 6%	8 7%	19 10%	10 5%	7 4%	9 7%	12 6%	13 7%	16 6%	16 8%	19 6%	34 7%	31 6%
Don't know	58 6%	8 7%	4 2%	7 4%	6 4%	10 8%	23 11%	7 4%	11 4%	6 3%	35 10%	31 6%	27 5%

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	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Agree strongly	444 44%	32 51%	12 32%	35 44%	35 39%	39 43%	77 43%	187 46%	26 42%
Agree slightly	350 35%	21 33%	15 41%	27 34%	32 35%	35 38%	67 38%	136 33%	17 27%
Neither / nor	36 4%	1 2%	0 1%	1 1%	6 6%	6 7%	7 4%	10 3%	5 7%
Disagree slightly	57 6%	3 4%	2 6%	4 5%	4 5%	3 3%	9 5%	25 6%	8 13%
Disagree strongly	65 6%	1 2%	6 16%	6 8%	5 6%	3 3%	6 3%	34 8%	3 5%
Don't know	58 6%	5 7%	2 4%	7 9%	8 9%	6 6%	12 7%	15 4%	4 6%

Q11b – I am going to read out some statements about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act and ask you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Even if you aren't aware of this act, it's your impression that I am interested in. So how strongly do you agree or disagree that... As a result of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act, members of the public will have more confidence in the decisions made by public authorities? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Agree strongly	287 28%	29 25%	52 26%	61 31%	41 25%	31 24%	74 36%	43 23%	74 26%	71 35%	99 29%	109 23%	178 34%
Agree slightly	291 29%	35 31%	57 29%	50 25%	49 30%	34 25%	66 32%	49 26%	75 27%	49 24%	118 35%	144 30%	147 28%
Neither / nor	58 6%	10 9%	5 2%	11 5%	16 10%	10 7%	7 3%	14 7%	20 7%	14 7%	10 3%	27 6%	31 6%
Disagree slightly	164 16%	19 17%	37 19%	39 20%	30 18%	21 16%	18 9%	42 22%	55 20%	31 15%	36 11%	92 19%	72 14%
Disagree strongly	140 14%	12 11%	39 20%	27 14%	18 11%	22 17%	21 10%	32 17%	44 15%	29 14%	36 11%	77 16%	63 12%
Don't know	69 7%	8 7%	7 4%	11 5%	8 5%	15 11%	20 10%	8 4%	14 5%	9 4%	38 11%	32 7%	37 7%

Q11b – I am going to read out some statements about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act and ask you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Even if you aren't aware of this act, it's your impression that I am interested in. So how strongly do you agree or disagree that... As a result of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act, members of the public will have more confidence in the decisions made by public authorities? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Agree strongly	287 28%	22 35%	10 26%	21 27%	32 35%	28 30%	50 28%	108 26%	16 26%
Agree slightly	291 29%	18 29%	7 20%	28 35%	31 34%	34 37%	54 30%	105 26%	15 24%
Neither / nor	58 6%	2 4%	2 5%	3 4%	1 1%	5 5%	15 9%	25 6%	5 7%
Disagree slightly	164 16%	4 6%	10 25%	13 16%	9 10%	10 11%	38 21%	69 17%	11 18%
Disagree strongly	140 14%	11 17%	7 18%	8 10%	10 11%	8 9%	13 7%	73 18%	11 18%
Don't know	69 7%	6 9%	2 6%	7 9%	8 9%	7 8%	7 4%	28 7%	4 6%

Q11c – I am going to read out some statements about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act and ask you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Even if you aren't aware of this act, it's your impression that I am interested in. So how strongly do you agree or disagree that... Public authorities will find a way round the Act and won't provide any information they don't want to? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Agree strongly	409 41%	37 32%	90 45%	74 37%	63 39%	62 47%	84 41%	72 38%	120 42%	92 46%	126 37%	201 42%	208 39%
Agree slightly	289 29%	42 37%	52 26%	46 23%	43 27%	38 29%	67 33%	55 29%	64 23%	56 27%	114 34%	135 28%	154 29%
Neither / nor	50 5%	10 9%	8 4%	15 7%	7 5%	5 4%	6 3%	15 8%	14 5%	9 4%	12 4%	20 4%	30 6%
Disagree slightly	138 14%	14 12%	30 15%	34 17%	30 19%	10 7%	21 10%	34 18%	46 16%	17 8%	42 12%	72 15%	66 13%
Disagree strongly	62 6%	5 5%	9 5%	19 9%	11 7%	9 7%	9 4%	9 5%	23 8%	19 9%	11 3%	28 6%	34 6%
Don't know	60 6%	6 5%	9 5%	11 6%	6 4%	9 7%	19 9%	4 2%	14 5%	10 5%	32 10%	25 5%	35 7%

Q11c – I am going to read out some statements about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act and ask you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Even if you aren't aware of this act, it's your impression that I am interested in. So how strongly do you agree or disagree that... Public authorities will find a way round the Act and won't provide any information they don't want to? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Agree strongly	409 41%	23 37%	19 51%	34 43%	29 32%	33 35%	73 41%	175 43%	23 37%
Agree slightly	289 29%	17 27%	14 38%	25 32%	32 36%	28 30%	51 29%	107 26%	15 23%
Neither / nor	50 5%	- -	1 2%	3 4%	2 2%	8 9%	14 8%	19 5%	3 5%
Disagree slightly	138 14%	9 15%	1 2%	10 13%	18 19%	12 13%	24 13%	53 13%	12 20%
Disagree strongly	62 6%	7 11%	1 2%	3 4%	3 4%	6 7%	8 5%	30 7%	4 6%
Don't know	60 6%	6 9%	2 5%	4 5%	6 7%	6 6%	7 4%	24 6%	5 8%

Q11d – I am going to read out some statements about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act and ask you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Even if you aren't aware of this act, it's your impression that I am interested in. So how strongly do you agree or disagree that... No one will bother to use the rights provided by the act? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Agree strongly	118 12%	10 9%	19 10%	33 17%	18 11%	14 10%	25 12%	18 9%	29 10%	36 18%	36 11%	53 11%	65 12%
Agree slightly	207 21%	32 29%	38 19%	40 20%	28 18%	22 16%	46 23%	37 20%	57 20%	37 18%	76 23%	97 20%	110 21%
Neither / nor	67 7%	7 6%	15 8%	15 8%	8 5%	7 5%	14 7%	9 5%	15 5%	16 8%	26 8%	22 5%	45 8%
Disagree slightly	383 38%	45 40%	92 47%	69 35%	66 41%	46 35%	64 31%	88 47%	106 37%	57 28%	132 39%	203 42%	180 34%
Disagree strongly	170 17%	13 11%	28 14%	35 17%	33 20%	29 22%	33 16%	33 18%	61 22%	45 22%	31 9%	75 16%	95 18%
Don't know	65 6%	6 5%	5 2%	7 3%	9 6%	15 11%	24 12%	3 1%	14 5%	12 6%	36 11%	32 7%	33 6%

Q11d – I am going to read out some statements about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act and ask you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Even if you aren't aware of this act, it's your impression that I am interested in So how strongly do you agree or disagree that... No one will bother to use the rights provided by the act? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Agree strongly	118 12%	8 14%	4 9%	6 8%	11 13%	5 5%	25 14%	51 12%	7 11%
Agree slightly	207 21%	14 22%	7 20%	13 16%	11 12%	20 22%	36 20%	92 23%	14 23%
Neither / nor	67 7%	10 16%	2 4%	3 4%	4 4%	8 9%	11 6%	23 6%	6 10%
Disagree slightly	383 38%	14 23%	16 42%	30 38%	39 43%	39 43%	72 40%	148 36%	24 38%
Disagree strongly	170 17%	10 16%	7 19%	17 22%	15 16%	18 19%	29 16%	67 16%	7 11%
Don't know	65 6%	6 9%	2 6%	9 12%	11 12%	2 3%	4 2%	26 6%	4 7%

Q11e – I am going to read out some statements about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act and ask you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Even if you aren't aware of this act, it's your impression that I am interested in. So how strongly do you agree or disagree that... This act will be useful to me ? By age, sex and social grade.

	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Male	Female
Unweighted	1009	114	123	172	195	165	240	179	301	305	224	482	527
Weighted	1009	113	197	199	161	133	205	188	282	202	337	482	527
Agree strongly	200 20%	22 19%	36 18%	43 22%	40 25%	24 18%	35 17%	28 15%	59 21%	45 22%	68 20%	92 19%	108 20%
Agree slightly	320 32%	30 27%	70 35%	59 29%	53 33%	49 37%	60 29%	64 34%	88 31%	63 31%	105 31%	164 34%	156 30%
Neither / nor	102 10%	14 12%	21 11%	23 11%	19 12%	14 11%	11 6%	21 11%	30 11%	22 11%	29 9%	47 10%	55 10%
Disagree slightly	151 15%	23 20%	34 17%	23 12%	25 16%	15 12%	31 15%	28 15%	47 17%	29 14%	47 14%	69 14%	82 16%
Disagree strongly	152 15%	19 17%	31 16%	31 15%	13 8%	20 15%	38 18%	29 16%	45 16%	33 16%	45 13%	72 15%	80 15%
Don't know	84 8%	7 6%	5 2%	21 11%	12 7%	10 7%	30 15%	17 9%	12 4%	11 6%	44 13%	38 8%	46 9%

Q11e – I am going to read out some statements about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act and ask you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Even if you aren't aware of this act, it's your impression that I am interested in. So how strongly do you agree or disagree that... This act will be useful to me ? By Region.

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1009	57	36	77	90	83	185	408	73
Weighted	1009	62	38	79	90	92	177	408	62
Agree strongly	200 20%	13 22%	6 17%	11 14%	16 18%	17 18%	32 18%	93 23%	11 18%
Agree slightly	320 32%	24 38%	13 35%	34 42%	31 35%	30 33%	52 29%	120 30%	16 26%
Neither / nor	102 10%	2 3%	4 10%	5 6%	12 13%	8 9%	25 14%	37 9%	10 16%
Disagree slightly	151 15%	11 17%	7 18%	10 13%	9 10%	14 16%	26 15%	64 16%	10 16%
Disagree strongly	152 15%	4 7%	6 15%	11 14%	12 14%	13 14%	25 14%	69 17%	11 18%
Don't know	84 8%	8 13%	2 5%	8 10%	10 11%	10 11%	17 10%	24 6%	4 6%



Fieldwork Details

Project	Public Awareness Research
Sample	1009 Scottish adults age 18+ Weighted to be representative of the Scottish population by age, sex and social grade
Sampling points	All 73 Scottish Parliamentary constituencies
Methodology	Telephone interviews by CATI (Computer Aided Telephone Interviewing)
Fieldwork dates	Tuesday 24 th August to Thursday 2 nd September 2004
Fieldwork length	9 days

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Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP111 - Which of the following organisations...would you say is a public authority?

Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?

Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)

Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Local NHS Hospitals	833 83%	361 81%	468 84%	3 100%	73 91%	760 82%	- -
Scottish Executive	781 77%	377 84%	402 72%	2 61%	74 92%	706 76%	1 38%
BBC Scotland	466 46%	208 46%	255 46%	3 86%	46 57%	421 45%	- -
The Police	927 92%	414 92%	509 91%	3 100%	76 95%	849 92%	1 38%
Local councils	916 91%	412 92%	501 90%	3 100%	77 96%	838 91%	1 38%
Scottish Gas	289 29%	89 20%	199 36%	1 39%	32 40%	256 28%	1 38%
Scottish Parliament	808 80%	372 83%	433 78%	3 100%	72 90%	735 79%	1 38%
Scottish Water	431 43%	164 37%	264 47%	3 86%	44 55%	386 42%	1 38%
Universities	536 53%	226 50%	309 55%	2 61%	53 66%	482 52%	1 38%
NHS GP (an NHS doctor)	664 66%	285 64%	377 68%	2 61%	66 83%	597 64%	1 38%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP111 - Which of the following organisations...would you say is a public authority?

Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?

Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)

Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Are there any other public authorities you can think of?	22 2%	15 3%	7 1%	- -	2 3%	20 2%	- -
None of the above	9 1%	- -	9 2%	- -	- -	7 1%	2 62%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP112 - Have you ever asked for a copy of recorded information that a public authority holds..?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Yes	47 5%	28 6%	18 3%	- -	11 13%	36 4%	- -
No	961 95%	419 94%	538 97%	3 100%	69 87%	889 96%	2 69%
Don't know	2 0%	1 0%	1 0%	- -	- -	1 0%	1 31%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP113a - Which of the following organisations... have you ever asked for information from?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	48	32	16	-	12	36	-
Weighted	47	28	18	-	11	36	-
Local NHS Hospitals	13 28%	8 29%	5 27%	- -	2 19%	11 31%	- -
Scottish Executive	7 15%	7 24%	- -	- -	4 37%	3 8%	- -
BBC Scotland	1 2%	1 3%	- -	- -	- -	1 2%	- -
The Police	2 5%	- -	2 12%	- -	- -	2 6%	- -
Local councils	19 42%	14 50%	5 29%	- -	5 51%	14 39%	- -
Scottish Gas	3 6%	3 10%	- -	- -	3 28%	- -	- -
Scottish Parliament	6 12%	4 12%	2 12%	- -	4 33%	2 6%	- -
Scottish Water	1 1%	- -	1 3%	- -	- -	1 2%	- -
Universities	3 7%	2 8%	1 5%	- -	2 15%	2 5%	- -
NHS GP (an NHS doctor)	7 15%	2 7%	5 28%	- -	1 13%	6 16%	- -

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP113a - Which of the following organisations... have you ever asked for information from?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	48	32	16	-	12	36	-
Weighted	47	28	18	-	11	36	-
Any other organisations you have asked for information from?	1 2%	1 2%	0 2%	- -	- -	1 3%	- -
None of the above	3 7%	3 12%	- -	- -	- -	3 9%	- -

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP114 - Which of the following statements best describes your experience of the most recent request
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	48	32	16	-	12	36	-
Weighted	47	28	18	-	11	36	-
Very positive, I got information I asked for promptly	21 45%	11 38%	10 55%	- -	6 57%	15 41%	- -
Satisfactory, I was given the information but it took some time	22 47%	15 53%	7 39%	- -	3 24%	20 54%	- -
Unsatisfactory, they replied but I didn't get the information I requested	1 1%	1 2%	- -	- -	- -	1 2%	- -
Poor, they didn't reply to my request	1 3%	0 2%	1 6%	- -	0 4%	1 3%	- -
None of the above [DO NOT READ OUT]	2 3%	2 6%	- -	- -	2 15%	- -	- -

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP115 - What legal rights do you think you have to see information ..?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
I have the legal right to see any information I ask for	369 37%	180 40%	188 34%	1 39%	30 38%	337 36%	1 38%
I have the legal right to see personal information they hold about me but it is up to the authority	537 53%	261 58%	272 49%	3 100%	52 65%	484 52%	1 38%
I don't have any legal rights, its up to the organisation to decide what information they give out	85 8%	17 4%	67 12%	- -	1 1%	83 9%	1 31%
Other [DO NOT READ OUT] (SPECIFY)	2 0%	1 0%	0 0%	- -	- -	2 0%	- -
Unsure [DO NOT READ OUT]	70 7%	14 3%	57 10%	- -	1 1%	68 7%	1 30%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP117 - What rights [do] you think a Freedom of Information act might entitle you to?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
To see any general information held by a public authority	326 32%	187 42%	138 25%	2 61%	41 51%	284 31%	1 38%
To see any personal information a public authority holds about me	423 42%	247 55%	177 32%	- -	44 55%	378 41%	1 38%
To see any personal information a private company holds about me	238 24%	136 30%	102 18%	- -	22 27%	215 23%	1 38%
To see any general information held by any private company	72 7%	40 9%	32 6%	- -	5 6%	67 7%	- -
To see information normally kept confidential by public authorities	78 8%	50 11%	27 5%	- -	8 9%	70 8%	- -
Other rights (SPECIFY)	21 2%	7 2%	14 3%	- -	- -	21 2%	- -
Unsure	412 41%	126 28%	284 51%	1 39%	20 24%	390 42%	2 62%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP118 - How likely are you to ask for information from a Scottish public authority in the next year
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Very likely	26 3%	18 4%	8 1%	- -	7 8%	19 2%	- -
Quite likely	89 9%	43 10%	46 8%	- -	9 11%	80 9%	- -
Neither / Nor	35 3%	12 3%	21 4%	3 86%	2 3%	33 4%	- -
Quite unlikely	226 22%	113 25%	112 20%	0 14%	19 24%	206 22%	- -
Very unlikely	564 56%	229 51%	335 60%	- -	36 44%	527 57%	1 38%
Unsure	70 7%	34 8%	36 6%	- -	8 10%	60 6%	2 62%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP119b - Where do you recall seeing / hearing about the Scottish Information Commissioner?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	81	56	25	-	81	-	-
Weighted	80	58	22	-	80	-	-
Newspaper Editorial	15 18%	7 13%	7 33%	- -	15 18%	- -	- -
Newspaper Advertising	14 18%	12 20%	2 11%	- -	14 18%	- -	- -
Radio	4 5%	3 5%	1 4%	- -	4 5%	- -	- -
T.V.	19 24%	13 22%	7 30%	- -	19 24%	- -	- -
Word of mouth	9 11%	5 9%	4 17%	- -	9 11%	- -	- -
Leaflet	2 2%	1 2%	0 2%	- -	2 2%	- -	- -
Billboards	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Internet	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Other (Please Specify)	22 27%	20 35%	1 6%	- -	22 27%	- -	- -
Unsure	4 4%	2 4%	1 6%	- -	4 4%	- -	- -

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP1110a - Telling people about their right to see information held by Scottish public authorities?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Aware	62 6%	47 11%	15 3%	- -	46 57%	16 2%	- -
Neither / nor	6 1%	1 0%	5 1%	- -	1 1%	6 1%	- -
Not aware	863 86%	359 80%	501 90%	3 100%	31 39%	829 90%	2 69%
Don't know	77 8%	41 9%	37 7%	- -	2 3%	74 8%	1 31%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP1110b - .Investigating complaints when people don't get the information they request..?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Aware	74 7%	49 11%	25 5%	- -	51 64%	23 3%	- -
Neither / nor	7 1%	4 1%	3 1%	- -	1 2%	5 1%	- -
Not aware	847 84%	353 79%	490 88%	3 100%	26 33%	818 88%	2 69%
Don't know	81 8%	42 9%	39 7%	- -	1 1%	79 8%	1 31%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP1110c - Dealing with complaints about Data Protection legislation?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Aware	69 7%	48 11%	22 4%	- -	47 58%	23 2%	- -
Neither / nor	5 0%	4 1%	1 0%	- -	3 4%	2 0%	- -
Not aware	855 85%	356 80%	495 89%	3 100%	31 38%	822 89%	2 69%
Don't know	79 8%	40 9%	39 7%	- -	- -	78 8%	1 31%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP1110d - Making sure that public authorities comply with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Aware	79 8%	52 12%	26 5%	- -	50 63%	28 3%	- -
Neither / nor	4 0%	1 0%	3 0%	- -	1 1%	3 0%	- -
Not aware	853 85%	354 79%	495 89%	3 100%	24 30%	827 89%	2 69%
Don't know	73 7%	40 9%	33 6%	- -	5 6%	67 7%	1 31%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP1110e - Providing information about public services
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Aware	68 7%	42 9%	26 5%	- -	38 47%	31 3%	- -
Neither / nor	7 1%	3 1%	4 1%	- -	2 3%	5 1%	- -
Not aware	859 85%	362 81%	494 89%	3 100%	33 42%	823 89%	2 69%
Don't know	75 7%	42 9%	33 6%	- -	7 8%	67 7%	1 31%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP1111a - Public authorities will become more open and accountable?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Agree strongly	444 44%	207 46%	237 42%	0 14%	35 43%	408 44%	1 38%
Agree slightly	350 35%	149 33%	198 36%	3 86%	25 31%	325 35%	- -
Neither / nor	36 4%	10 2%	25 5%	- -	2 2%	34 4%	- -
Disagree slightly	57 6%	28 6%	29 5%	- -	4 5%	54 6%	- -
Disagree strongly	65 6%	40 9%	25 4%	- -	11 14%	54 6%	- -
Don't know	58 6%	14 3%	44 8%	- -	4 5%	52 6%	2 62%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP1111b - Members of the public will have more confidence in the decisions made...?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Agree strongly	287 28%	104 23%	183 33%	0 14%	20 25%	267 29%	- -
Agree slightly	291 29%	118 26%	170 31%	3 86%	27 33%	264 29%	- -
Neither / nor	58 6%	28 6%	30 5%	- -	5 7%	52 6%	- -
Disagree slightly	164 16%	98 22%	67 12%	- -	17 21%	147 16%	- -
Disagree strongly	140 14%	80 18%	60 11%	- -	11 14%	127 14%	1 38%
Don't know	69 7%	20 4%	49 9%	- -	- -	67 7%	2 62%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP1111c - Public authorities will find a way round the Act and won't provide any information they ?

Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?

Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)

Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Agree strongly	409 41%	188 42%	221 40%	- -	28 35%	380 41%	1 38%
Agree slightly	289 29%	120 27%	169 30%	- -	21 26%	268 29%	- -
Neither / nor	50 5%	23 5%	28 5%	- -	5 6%	45 5%	- -
Disagree slightly	138 14%	78 17%	59 11%	2 47%	17 21%	121 13%	- -
Disagree strongly	62 6%	29 7%	32 6%	0 14%	6 8%	56 6%	- -
Don't know	60 6%	10 2%	49 9%	1 39%	2 3%	56 6%	2 62%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP1111d - No one will bother to use the rights provided by the act?
 Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?
 Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)
 Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Agree strongly	118 12%	47 11%	70 13%	- -	16 20%	100 11%	1 38%
Agree slightly	207 21%	86 19%	120 21%	1 39%	8 10%	199 21%	- -
Neither / nor	67 7%	24 5%	42 8%	- -	5 6%	62 7%	- -
Disagree slightly	383 38%	190 43%	190 34%	2 61%	34 42%	349 38%	- -
Disagree strongly	170 17%	88 20%	82 15%	- -	15 19%	155 17%	- -
Don't know	65 6%	12 3%	53 9%	- -	2 2%	61 7%	2 62%

Awareness Profile

Analysis...: QPP1111e - This act will be useful to me ?

Break..... : VPP116 - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?

Weight... : WT13w(Q13w)

Cells..... : Absolute, Break %, Respondents

Base	Base	Aware FOI Act	Not aware FOI Act	Unsure if aware FOI Act	Aware SIC	Not aware SIC	Unsure if aware SIC
Unweighted	1009	463	543	3	81	924	4
Weighted	1009	448	557	3	80	925	3
Agree strongly	200 20%	89 20%	111 20%	- -	23 29%	176 19%	1 38%
Agree slightly	320 32%	151 34%	168 30%	2 47%	25 32%	295 32%	- -
Neither / nor	102 10%	53 12%	48 9%	0 14%	8 10%	93 10%	- -
Disagree slightly	151 15%	60 14%	90 16%	- -	5 6%	146 16%	- -
Disagree strongly	152 15%	76 17%	76 14%	- -	10 12%	143 15%	- -
Don't know	84 8%	18 4%	64 12%	1 39%	9 12%	73 8%	2 62%