

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q1 - Have you ever requested information from a public authority?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Yes	232 23%	25 22%	39 20%	58 29%	33 19%	33 24%	44 22%	109 22%	123 23%	63 33%	68 25%	47 21%	54 17%
No	769 76%	85 77%	146 77%	139 69%	136 80%	107 76%	156 78%	371 77%	398 75%	124 64%	205 75%	174 79%	267 82%
Unsure	12 1%	1 1%	4 2%	4 2%	2 1%	- -	1 0%	5 1%	7 1%	6 3%	1 0%	- -	4 1%

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Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Yes	232 23%	11 22%	7 24%	16 22%	17 20%	16 20%	42 24%	107 24%	15 20%
No	769 76%	40 78%	23 76%	55 77%	64 78%	65 80%	129 74%	335 75%	57 80%
Unsure	12 1%	- -	- -	1 2%	1 2%	- -	2 1%	7 1%	- -

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Q2 - Have you made a written request for information that a public authority holds?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	230	17	27	52	36	47	51	104	126	52	78	41	59
Weighted	232	25	39	58	33	33	44	109	123	63	68	47	54
Yes	95 41%	12 49%	15 38%	22 37%	12 38%	18 53%	17 38%	48 44%	47 38%	29 47%	30 45%	15 31%	21 39%
No	131 57%	12 51%	22 57%	34 58%	20 62%	16 47%	27 61%	59 54%	73 59%	32 51%	37 54%	30 62%	33 61%
Unsure	5 2%	- -	2 5%	3 4%	- -	- -	1 1%	2 2%	3 3%	1 2%	1 1%	3 7%	- -

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Q2 - Have you made a written request for information that a public authority holds?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	230	14	11	16	19	18	49	91	12
Weighted	232	11	7	16	17	16	42	107	15
Yes	95 41%	6 55%	4 54%	6 36%	4 25%	4 26%	22 51%	43 40%	6 41%
No	131 57%	5 45%	3 46%	10 64%	12 75%	12 74%	19 45%	61 57%	9 59%
Unsure	5 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 4%	3 3%	- -

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Q3a - Has any request been made since the start of 2005?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	96	8	11	20	13	25	19	47	49	25	34	13	24
Weighted	95	12	15	22	12	18	17	48	47	29	30	15	21
Yes	63 66%	7 56%	10 71%	18 81%	7 55%	11 61%	11 63%	33 69%	30 63%	20 69%	20 67%	11 75%	12 56%
No	28 30%	5 44%	3 22%	4 19%	5 38%	6 35%	5 29%	13 28%	15 31%	8 28%	8 26%	4 25%	9 41%
Unsure	4 4%	- -	1 7%	- -	1 7%	1 4%	1 8%	1 3%	3 5%	1 2%	2 8%	- -	1 3%

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Q3a - Has any request been made since the start of 2005?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	96	8	6	6	5	4	24	37	6
Weighted	95	6	4	6	4	4	22	43	6
Yes	63 66%	2 28%	4 100%	4 72%	4 84%	3 74%	12 54%	33 75%	2 38%
No	28 30%	3 46%	- -	2 28%	1 16%	1 26%	8 39%	10 23%	4 62%
Unsure	4 4%	2 25%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 7%	1 2%	- -

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Q3b - Which of the following types of authority have you requested information from?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	62	5	7	16	7	16	11	33	29	17	22	10	13
Weighted	63	7	10	18	7	11	11	33	30	20	20	11	12
The Scottish Executive / The Scottish Government	17 27%	3 43%	3 26%	4 25%	2 27%	3 29%	2 17%	9 28%	7 25%	6 32%	7 34%	1 13%	2 18%
A council	26 42%	3 40%	4 35%	6 34%	4 59%	6 57%	4 35%	14 41%	13 42%	8 38%	9 47%	5 46%	4 34%
A police force	11 18%	- -	3 32%	5 27%	3 38%	1 5%	- -	5 15%	6 21%	4 18%	7 34%	- -	1 5%
A health authority / the NHS	15 24%	2 33%	1 13%	5 31%	1 13%	2 19%	3 32%	9 26%	7 22%	2 9%	7 34%	1 10%	6 47%
A university or college	10 16%	1 16%	2 15%	6 33%	1 13%	1 6%	- -	5 15%	5 17%	2 8%	4 20%	3 26%	2 13%
Other [SPECIFY]	6 9%	- -	- -	2 9%	1 14%	1 8%	2 21%	3 10%	2 7%	2 10%	2 8%	2 18%	- -
Unsure / can't remember [DO NOT READ OUT]	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

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Q3b - Which of the following types of authority have you requested information from?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	62	3	6	4	4	3	12	28	2
Weighted	63	2	4	4	4	3	12	33	2
The Scottish Executive / The Scottish Government	17 27%	- -	2 50%	1 29%	1 41%	2 64%	1 8%	8 24%	1 62%
A council	26 42%	1 59%	2 44%	2 42%	1 39%	1 26%	6 48%	13 40%	1 38%
A police force	11 18%	- -	1 15%	1 29%	- -	- -	- -	9 26%	1 38%
A health authority / the NHS	15 24%	0 26%	1 21%	- -	1 20%	1 36%	4 31%	9 26%	- -
A university or college	10 16%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	4 36%	4 13%	1 62%
Other [SPECIFY]	6 9%	1 41%	- -	- -	- -	1 26%	1 8%	3 10%	- -
Unsure / can't remember [DO NOT READ OUT]	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

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Q3d - Could you please tell me roughly what type of information you asked for?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	62	5	7	16	7	16	11	33	29	17	22	10	13
Weighted	63	7	10	18	7	11	11	33	30	20	20	11	12
Medical records	8 12%	1 17%	1 11%	4 21%	- -	- -	2 18%	5 14%	3 11%	1 4%	3 17%	1 10%	3 22%
Information about myself	16 26%	2 33%	- -	8 45%	- -	3 27%	3 27%	11 33%	5 17%	4 17%	6 30%	3 24%	4 33%
Public authority finances	2 3%	- -	- -	1 6%	- -	1 9%	- -	2 6%	- -	1 5%	1 5%	- -	- -
Planning information	18 29%	1 21%	4 35%	4 24%	2 32%	5 46%	2 17%	10 29%	9 29%	6 32%	6 28%	3 30%	3 25%
Local authority grants and benefits	5 7%	- -	- -	1 6%	- -	2 14%	2 18%	5 14%	- -	2 8%	1 5%	2 18%	- -
Environmental information	9 15%	2 24%	- -	6 35%	1 14%	- -	1 5%	6 17%	4 12%	4 19%	3 16%	1 13%	1 8%
Statistical information, including crime statistics	7 11%	3 38%	2 15%	3 16%	- -	- -	- -	4 11%	3 11%	2 8%	5 26%	- -	- -
Other [SPECIFY]	19 30%	- -	5 46%	2 13%	4 54%	5 42%	4 36%	9 26%	11 35%	5 26%	7 34%	2 22%	5 40%
Can't remember	1 2%	- -	1 13%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 4%	- -	- -	- -	1 11%

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Q3d - Could you please tell me roughly what type of information you asked for?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	62	3	6	4	4	3	12	28	2
Weighted	63	2	4	4	4	3	12	33	2
Medical records	8 12%	- -	1 21%	1 29%	- -	1 36%	- -	5 14%	- -
Information about myself	16 26%	1 74%	1 17%	1 20%	- -	1 36%	2 15%	10 32%	- -
Public authority finances	2 3%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 6%	- -
Planning information	18 29%	0 26%	2 46%	- -	2 54%	1 26%	2 19%	10 30%	1 62%
Local authority grants and benefits	5 7%	- -	1 18%	2 42%	- -	- -	- -	2 6%	- -
Environmental information	9 15%	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 64%	5 42%	2 8%	- -
Statistical information, including crime statistics	7 11%	- -	- -	- -	1 20%	- -	3 23%	4 11%	- -
Other [SPECIFY]	19 30%	0 26%	1 15%	2 49%	1 27%	- -	2 15%	13 39%	1 38%
Can't remember	1 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 11%	- -	- -

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Q3e - Did you get the information you asked for?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	62	5	7	16	7	16	11	33	29	17	22	10	13
Weighted	63	7	10	18	7	11	11	33	30	20	20	11	12
Yes, all the information I asked for	46 73%	6 84%	7 68%	16 93%	4 55%	5 50%	8 70%	25 74%	21 71%	11 56%	16 80%	8 75%	10 88%
Yes, some of the information I asked for	8 13%	1 16%	3 32%	- -	- -	2 15%	2 19%	2 5%	6 21%	4 21%	3 13%	1 6%	1 5%
No	9 14%	- -	- -	1 7%	3 45%	4 34%	1 11%	7 20%	2 8%	5 24%	1 7%	2 19%	1 7%
Unsure / can't remember	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

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Q3e - Did you get the information you asked for?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	62	3	6	4	4	3	12	28	2
Weighted	63	2	4	4	4	3	12	33	2
Yes, all the information I asked for	46 73%	1 68%	2 50%	2 51%	3 88%	2 62%	9 77%	24 75%	2 100%
Yes, some of the information I asked for	8 13%	1 32%	1 21%	1 29%	0 12%	- -	2 15%	3 10%	- -
No	9 14%	- -	1 29%	1 20%	- -	1 38%	1 8%	5 15%	- -
Unsure / can't remember	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

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Q3f - What did you do having received none or only some of the information you requested?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	18	1	2	1	3	8	3	9	9	8	5	3	2
Weighted	17	1	3	1	3	5	3	9	9	9	4	3	1
Nothing, I was satisfied with the outcome	3 16%	-	-	-	1 39%	1 12%	1 26%	2 22%	1 10%	1 9%	-	2 68%	-
Nothing, but I was dissatisfied with the outcome	6 35%	-	-	1 100%	1 29%	3 51%	1 37%	4 44%	2 26%	2 26%	1 33%	1 32%	1 100%
I wrote to the public authority asking it to reconsider its decision	5 28%	1 100%	3 100%	-	-	0 9%	-	-	5 57%	2 24%	3 67%	-	-
I complained to the public authority, but not in writing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other [SPECIFY]	3 16%	-	-	-	-	2 28%	1 37%	2 23%	1 8%	3 30%	-	-	-
Unsure / can't remember	1 6%	-	-	-	1 32%	-	-	1 11%	-	1 11%	-	-	-

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Q3f - What did you do having received none or only some of the information you requested?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	18	1	3	2	1	1	3	7	-
Weighted	17	1	2	2	0	1	3	8	-
Nothing, I was satisfied with the outcome	3 16%	- -	1 42%	- -	- -	- -	1 24%	1 14%	- -
Nothing, but I was dissatisfied with the outcome	6 35%	1 100%	- -	- -	0 100%	1 100%	- -	4 45%	- -
I wrote to the public authority asking it to reconsider its decision	5 28%	- -	0 23%	1 59%	- -	- -	1 40%	2 26%	- -
I complained to the public authority, but not in writing	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Other [SPECIFY]	3 16%	- -	1 35%	1 41%	- -	- -	- -	1 14%	- -
Unsure / can't remember	1 6%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 36%	- -	- -

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Q4 - Why have you not made a request for information?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	774	58	101	127	149	154	185	370	404	109	239	161	265
Weighted	769	85	146	139	136	107	156	371	398	124	205	174	267
I have never had any reason to seek information	604 79%	61 72%	117 80%	113 81%	113 83%	86 80%	116 74%	291 78%	314 79%	100 81%	165 81%	141 81%	198 74%
I wasn't sure how to ask for information	51 7%	8 10%	10 7%	8 6%	8 6%	3 3%	13 9%	24 6%	27 7%	6 5%	11 5%	14 8%	20 8%
I didn't think the organisations would allow me to access the information I wanted	14 2%	1 2%	1 1%	2 1%	3 2%	4 4%	3 2%	6 2%	7 2%	2 2%	5 3%	3 1%	4 1%
I didn't think the organisation would have the information I needed	21 3%	- -	3 2%	6 4%	3 2%	3 3%	6 4%	13 4%	8 2%	2 2%	7 3%	3 2%	9 3%
I didn't know I could ask for information	48 6%	10 12%	13 9%	4 3%	6 4%	5 5%	10 6%	24 6%	25 6%	9 7%	11 5%	6 4%	23 9%
Other [SPECIFY]	13 2%	1 2%	- -	3 2%	2 1%	4 4%	3 2%	6 2%	7 2%	3 2%	3 1%	4 2%	4 1%
Unsure / can't remember	17 2%	2 3%	3 2%	3 2%	2 2%	1 1%	6 4%	7 2%	10 2%	2 1%	3 1%	3 2%	9 4%

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Q4 - Why have you not made a request for information?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	774	49	28	57	76	78	143	295	48
Weighted	769	40	23	55	64	65	129	335	57
I have never had any reason to seek information	604 79%	33 83%	19 83%	46 83%	49 77%	58 89%	100 78%	257 77%	41 72%
I wasn't sure how to ask for information	51 7%	1 2%	1 3%	5 8%	8 12%	1 2%	9 7%	19 6%	8 15%
I didn't think the organisations would allow me to access the information I wanted	14 2%	1 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 2%	7 2%	3 5%
I didn't think the organisation would have the information I needed	21 3%	1 2%	- -	1 2%	1 2%	1 2%	2 2%	15 4%	- -
I didn't know I could ask for information	48 6%	3 7%	1 3%	3 5%	2 4%	1 1%	6 4%	31 9%	2 4%
Other [SPECIFY]	13 2%	- -	3 11%	1 1%	1 1%	1 2%	4 3%	2 1%	2 4%
Unsure / can't remember	17 2%	2 5%	- -	1 1%	3 5%	3 4%	4 3%	4 1%	- -

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Q5 - What legal rights do you think you have to see information held by public authorities?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
I have the legal right to see any information I ask for subject to certain exemptions	466 46%	44 40%	91 48%	80 40%	95 56%	73 52%	81 40%	225 46%	241 46%	105 55%	135 49%	98 44%	127 39%
I only have the legal right to see personal information they hold about me	359 35%	42 38%	72 38%	77 38%	53 31%	45 32%	69 35%	153 32%	206 39%	65 34%	102 37%	76 34%	117 36%
I don't have any legal rights, it's up to the organisation to decide what information they give out	63 6%	10 9%	13 7%	14 7%	8 5%	7 5%	11 6%	38 8%	25 5%	12 6%	9 3%	11 5%	30 9%
Other [SPECIFY] [DO NOT READ OUT]	4 0%	- -	- -	1 1%	3 1%	0 0%	- -	3 1%	1 0%	- -	1 0%	1 0%	2 1%
Unsure / can't remember	121 12%	14 13%	13 7%	28 14%	12 7%	14 10%	39 19%	66 14%	55 10%	11 6%	26 10%	36 16%	48 15%

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Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
I have the legal right to see any information I ask for subject to certain exemptions	466 46%	23 45%	11 35%	27 37%	32 39%	48 58%	92 53%	205 46%	28 39%
I only have the legal right to see personal information they hold about me	359 35%	21 40%	12 38%	30 42%	31 38%	20 24%	61 35%	153 34%	33 45%
I don't have any legal rights, it's up to the organisation to decide what information they give out	63 6%	1 2%	4 12%	6 8%	5 6%	2 3%	8 5%	34 8%	3 4%
Other [SPECIFY] [DO NOT READ OUT]	4 0%	- -	1 4%	- -	- -	1 1%	1 1%	1 0%	- -
Unsure / can't remember	121 12%	7 13%	3 11%	9 12%	14 17%	12 14%	12 7%	56 13%	8 11%

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Q6a - Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Yes definitely	626 62%	55 50%	110 58%	133 66%	120 70%	100 71%	108 54%	313 65%	312 59%	142 74%	204 74%	126 57%	154 47%
Yes I think so	124 12%	19 18%	29 15%	18 9%	20 12%	16 12%	22 11%	77 16%	47 9%	21 11%	25 9%	31 14%	47 15%
No, don't think so	44 4%	6 6%	9 5%	12 6%	7 4%	4 3%	6 3%	19 4%	26 5%	7 3%	8 3%	14 6%	16 5%
No definitely not	210 21%	27 25%	41 21%	35 18%	23 13%	21 15%	64 32%	71 15%	139 26%	20 10%	36 13%	47 21%	107 33%
Unsure	8 1%	3 3%	- -	3 1%	1 0%	- -	2 1%	4 1%	4 1%	3 2%	1 0%	3 1%	2 1%

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	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Yes definitely	626 62%	26 51%	20 65%	38 53%	51 62%	60 73%	102 59%	278 62%	50 70%
Yes I think so	124 12%	6 12%	7 24%	13 18%	14 17%	7 8%	30 17%	43 10%	4 6%
No, don't think so	44 4%	3 7%	- -	4 5%	2 3%	1 1%	8 5%	22 5%	4 6%
No definitely not	210 21%	15 30%	4 11%	17 24%	12 14%	14 17%	33 19%	101 23%	13 19%
Unsure	8 1%	- -	- -	- -	4 4%	- -	1 0%	4 1%	- -

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Q6b - Where do you recall seeing / hearing about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	760	53	97	138	154	166	152	392	368	143	264	147	206
Weighted	750	74	139	150	140	116	130	390	359	163	229	157	201
Newspaper Editorial	229 31%	18 25%	26 18%	41 27%	46 33%	43 37%	55 43%	124 32%	105 29%	57 35%	63 28%	52 33%	55 28%
Newspaper Advertising	100 13%	12 17%	15 11%	20 14%	17 12%	14 12%	21 16%	63 16%	37 10%	25 15%	16 7%	25 16%	35 17%
Radio	59 8%	5 7%	12 8%	14 9%	11 8%	5 4%	13 10%	43 11%	15 4%	19 12%	14 6%	11 7%	15 8%
T.V. programme	223 30%	15 20%	31 22%	48 32%	42 30%	43 37%	44 34%	122 31%	100 28%	52 32%	63 27%	48 30%	60 30%
T.V. advert	53 7%	5 7%	10 7%	16 11%	8 6%	5 4%	8 7%	26 7%	27 7%	8 5%	14 6%	14 9%	16 8%
Word of mouth	48 6%	11 15%	11 8%	5 3%	6 4%	7 6%	8 6%	30 8%	18 5%	7 4%	9 4%	9 6%	22 11%
Leaflet	7 1%	- -	- -	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	2 2%	2 1%	5 1%	3 2%	2 1%	1 1%	1 0%
Billboards	3 0%	- -	1 1%	- -	1 1%	- -	1 1%	2 0%	1 0%	- -	1 1%	- -	2 1%
Internet	21 3%	4 6%	5 3%	6 4%	3 2%	2 2%	1 1%	12 3%	8 2%	8 5%	6 3%	3 2%	3 1%
Through work	142 19%	10 14%	45 32%	34 22%	31 22%	16 13%	7 5%	57 15%	85 24%	35 21%	69 30%	25 16%	12 6%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q6b - Where do you recall seeing / hearing about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	760	53	97	138	154	166	152	392	368	143	264	147	206
Weighted	750	74	139	150	140	116	130	390	359	163	229	157	201
Citizen's Advice Bureau or advisory organisations	10 1%	- -	4 3%	3 2%	2 2%	0 0%	- -	6 2%	4 1%	3 2%	4 2%	2 2%	- -
School, College or University	21 3%	13 17%	5 4%	- -	2 2%	1 1%	- -	10 2%	11 3%	5 3%	8 4%	3 2%	5 2%
Other [SPECIFY]	23 3%	3 4%	4 3%	5 4%	6 4%	4 3%	2 1%	12 3%	11 3%	3 2%	10 4%	4 2%	6 3%
Unsure	91 12%	5 7%	20 14%	17 11%	12 8%	19 16%	19 15%	47 12%	44 12%	17 10%	21 9%	16 10%	37 18%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q6b - Where do you recall seeing / hearing about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	760	42	34	52	76	77	149	284	46
Weighted	750	32	27	51	64	67	132	322	54
Newspaper Editorial	229 31%	8 25%	10 35%	12 23%	16 25%	23 34%	43 32%	102 32%	16 30%
Newspaper Advertising	100 13%	3 8%	3 10%	7 14%	9 15%	3 5%	19 15%	50 16%	6 10%
Radio	59 8%	2 5%	1 2%	2 4%	7 10%	9 13%	9 7%	29 9%	2 3%
T.V. programme	223 30%	9 27%	5 17%	14 27%	21 33%	18 27%	40 30%	98 30%	19 35%
T.V. advert	53 7%	3 10%	2 7%	2 4%	3 5%	4 5%	11 8%	27 8%	1 2%
Word of mouth	48 6%	1 3%	2 7%	1 2%	4 7%	6 9%	13 10%	20 6%	1 2%
Leaflet	7 1%	- -	1 4%	- -	- -	2 3%	1 1%	3 1%	- -
Billboards	3 0%	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	1 3%
Internet	21 3%	1 2%	- -	3 5%	3 4%	1 2%	4 3%	9 3%	1 3%
Through work	142 19%	8 23%	4 15%	16 31%	12 18%	14 22%	25 19%	55 17%	8 16%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q6b - Where do you recall seeing / hearing about the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	760	42	34	52	76	77	149	284	46
Weighted	750	32	27	51	64	67	132	322	54
Citizen's Advice Bureau or advisory organisations	10 1%	0 1%	1 3%	2 5%	2 3%	- -	1 1%	3 1%	- -
School, College or University	21 3%	1 3%	- -	2 4%	4 7%	2 3%	3 2%	6 2%	1 3%
Other [SPECIFY]	23 3%	1 2%	- -	3 5%	1 2%	1 2%	10 7%	8 2%	- -
Unsure	91 12%	6 18%	6 20%	3 5%	8 13%	7 11%	14 10%	41 13%	7 13%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q7 - What rights you think the Freedom of Information Act might give you?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
To see general information held by a public authority	342 34%	38 34%	58 31%	67 33%	65 38%	56 40%	59 29%	185 38%	157 30%	82 42%	110 40%	76 34%	75 23%
To see personal information about me held by a public authority	283 28%	29 26%	58 31%	59 30%	45 27%	42 30%	50 25%	134 28%	149 28%	65 34%	79 29%	53 24%	85 26%
To see general information held by a private company	23 2%	6 6%	5 3%	5 2%	1 1%	1 0%	5 3%	9 2%	14 3%	6 3%	6 2%	6 3%	5 1%
To see personal information about me held by a private company	61 6%	7 6%	10 5%	18 9%	11 6%	4 3%	10 5%	24 5%	37 7%	12 6%	13 5%	15 7%	20 6%
To see confidential information which is held by public authorities	34 3%	1 1%	9 5%	10 5%	6 3%	2 1%	6 3%	15 3%	19 4%	5 2%	8 3%	8 4%	13 4%
Other [SPECIFY]	29 3%	5 5%	6 3%	5 2%	4 2%	5 3%	4 2%	12 2%	17 3%	5 2%	4 2%	8 4%	11 3%
Unsure	242 24%	24 22%	43 23%	37 18%	39 23%	32 22%	67 33%	106 22%	136 26%	18 10%	53 19%	55 25%	115 35%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q7 - What rights you think the Freedom of Information Act might give you?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
To see general information held by a public authority	342 34%	19 37%	10 31%	22 31%	23 28%	34 41%	68 39%	143 32%	24 34%
To see personal information about me held by a public authority	283 28%	11 22%	7 24%	24 33%	25 30%	28 34%	59 34%	105 23%	24 34%
To see general information held by a private company	23 2%	1 2%	- -	2 3%	1 2%	- -	3 2%	15 3%	- -
To see personal information about me held by a private company	61 6%	2 3%	4 12%	3 5%	3 3%	1 1%	10 6%	33 7%	6 8%
To see confidential information which is held by public authorities	34 3%	1 3%	- -	2 3%	3 4%	2 3%	4 2%	19 4%	2 2%
Other [SPECIFY]	29 3%	1 2%	1 2%	1 1%	4 5%	4 5%	3 2%	15 3%	- -
Unsure	242 24%	16 32%	9 30%	17 24%	24 29%	13 16%	28 16%	119 26%	16 22%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q8 - Have you ever heard of the Scottish Information Commissioner?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Yes, definitely	61 6%	7 6%	4 2%	18 9%	8 5%	11 8%	13 7%	30 6%	30 6%	15 8%	21 8%	6 3%	18 6%
Yes, I think so	83 8%	13 11%	18 9%	10 5%	11 7%	13 9%	18 9%	48 10%	35 7%	18 9%	20 7%	17 8%	27 8%
No, I don't think so	88 9%	4 3%	19 10%	15 7%	18 10%	15 10%	17 9%	46 10%	41 8%	24 12%	23 8%	14 7%	27 8%
No, definitely not	755 75%	83 75%	142 75%	153 76%	130 76%	98 70%	149 74%	344 71%	411 78%	128 66%	205 75%	175 79%	247 76%
Unsure	27 3%	5 4%	5 3%	6 3%	4 2%	4 3%	3 2%	16 3%	11 2%	7 4%	5 2%	8 4%	6 2%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q8 - Have you ever heard of the Scottish Information Commissioner?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Yes, definitely	61 6%	4 8%	- -	3 4%	3 4%	6 7%	12 7%	27 6%	6 8%
Yes, I think so	83 8%	6 11%	1 2%	13 18%	4 5%	3 4%	15 8%	37 8%	4 6%
No, I don't think so	88 9%	3 6%	1 5%	4 6%	7 9%	6 7%	18 10%	38 8%	10 13%
No, definitely not	755 75%	37 72%	28 91%	51 71%	63 77%	66 81%	126 72%	333 74%	51 71%
Unsure	27 3%	1 3%	1 2%	1 1%	5 6%	1 1%	3 2%	14 3%	1 2%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q9a - Telling people about their right to see information held by Scottish public authorities?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Yes, carries out	636 63%	69 63%	123 65%	130 65%	109 64%	84 60%	119 59%	285 59%	350 66%	136 71%	172 63%	148 67%	180 55%
No, doesn't carry out	104 10%	15 14%	23 12%	19 10%	16 10%	16 11%	14 7%	66 14%	38 7%	23 12%	33 12%	17 8%	30 9%
Unsure	273 27%	26 24%	43 23%	51 26%	45 27%	40 28%	67 33%	134 28%	139 26%	34 18%	69 25%	56 25%	114 35%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q9a - Telling people about their right to see information held by Scottish public authorities?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Yes, carries out	636 63%	36 71%	25 81%	40 56%	46 56%	57 69%	114 66%	268 60%	48 68%
No, doesn't carry out	104 10%	4 8%	0 1%	7 10%	10 12%	7 8%	17 10%	49 11%	8 11%
Unsure	273 27%	11 21%	5 17%	24 33%	26 31%	18 22%	43 24%	131 29%	15 21%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q9b - Investigating complaints when people don't get the information they request?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Yes, carries out	680 67%	72 65%	129 68%	144 72%	116 68%	93 66%	126 63%	318 66%	362 69%	150 78%	189 69%	159 72%	182 56%
No, doesn't carry out	97 10%	19 17%	24 13%	18 9%	13 8%	11 8%	12 6%	52 11%	45 9%	17 9%	23 8%	20 9%	36 11%
Unsure	236 23%	20 18%	36 19%	39 19%	42 25%	36 26%	63 31%	115 24%	121 23%	26 13%	62 23%	42 19%	106 33%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q9b - Investigating complaints when people don't get the information they request?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Yes, carries out	680 67%	37 72%	26 86%	47 65%	53 64%	61 74%	123 71%	276 62%	57 79%
No, doesn't carry out	97 10%	4 8%	2 5%	8 11%	8 10%	5 6%	23 13%	43 10%	4 5%
Unsure	236 23%	10 20%	3 9%	17 23%	21 25%	16 19%	28 16%	130 29%	12 16%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q9c - Dealing with complaints about Data Protection legislation?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Yes, carries out	543 54%	59 53%	94 50%	118 59%	97 57%	76 54%	100 50%	264 54%	280 53%	122 63%	145 53%	122 55%	154 48%
No, doesn't carry out	160 16%	25 23%	46 24%	28 14%	21 12%	19 14%	20 10%	84 17%	75 14%	41 21%	54 20%	23 10%	42 13%
Unsure	309 31%	26 24%	49 26%	55 27%	52 31%	46 33%	81 40%	137 28%	173 33%	29 15%	75 27%	77 35%	128 39%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q9c - Dealing with complaints about Data Protection legislation?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Yes, carries out	543 54%	26 51%	20 66%	37 52%	40 49%	51 62%	108 62%	220 49%	41 57%
No, doesn't carry out	160 16%	9 18%	5 17%	9 13%	14 18%	12 15%	35 20%	63 14%	12 16%
Unsure	309 31%	16 32%	5 16%	25 35%	27 33%	19 23%	31 18%	166 37%	19 27%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q9d - Making sure that public authorities comply with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Yes, carries out	706 70%	77 70%	129 68%	154 77%	124 73%	94 67%	128 64%	325 67%	381 72%	151 78%	191 70%	169 76%	196 60%
No, doesn't carry out	74 7%	13 12%	25 13%	12 6%	5 3%	9 6%	10 5%	47 10%	26 5%	20 10%	21 8%	6 3%	27 8%
Unsure	233 23%	20 18%	36 19%	35 17%	42 25%	38 27%	63 31%	112 23%	121 23%	22 12%	62 23%	47 21%	102 31%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q9d - Making sure that public authorities comply with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) act?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Yes, carries out	706 70%	38 73%	24 80%	49 69%	56 68%	62 76%	131 75%	293 65%	53 74%
No, doesn't carry out	74 7%	2 4%	3 11%	4 6%	4 5%	4 5%	17 10%	32 7%	7 9%
Unsure	233 23%	12 23%	3 9%	18 25%	22 27%	16 19%	26 15%	125 28%	12 16%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q9e - Providing information about public services?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Yes, carries out	514 51%	50 46%	93 49%	103 51%	86 50%	71 50%	111 55%	234 48%	279 53%	105 54%	120 44%	119 54%	171 53%
No, doesn't carry out	242 24%	35 32%	54 29%	59 29%	42 25%	28 20%	24 12%	132 27%	110 21%	60 31%	86 31%	47 21%	49 15%
Unsure	256 25%	25 23%	41 22%	39 19%	43 25%	42 30%	66 33%	118 24%	138 26%	28 14%	69 25%	55 25%	105 32%

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Q9e - Providing information about public services?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Yes, carries out	514 51%	26 52%	19 61%	36 50%	41 50%	43 53%	87 50%	217 48%	45 63%
No, doesn't carry out	242 24%	13 25%	8 27%	17 23%	18 22%	21 26%	54 31%	102 23%	10 14%
Unsure	256 25%	12 24%	4 12%	19 27%	23 28%	18 22%	34 19%	130 29%	17 24%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q10a - As a result of the Act...Public authorities are becoming more open and accountable?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Agree strongly	322 32%	40 36%	55 29%	63 31%	51 30%	44 31%	69 34%	165 34%	157 30%	61 32%	91 33%	79 36%	91 28%
Agree slightly	322 32%	39 35%	82 44%	60 30%	49 29%	46 33%	47 23%	150 31%	172 33%	73 38%	91 33%	69 31%	89 27%
Neither / Nor	89 9%	7 7%	15 8%	18 9%	27 16%	7 5%	15 8%	40 8%	49 9%	16 8%	22 8%	18 8%	34 10%
Disagree slightly	90 9%	12 11%	14 7%	17 8%	18 10%	15 11%	15 8%	33 7%	57 11%	14 7%	34 12%	19 8%	24 7%
Disagree strongly	103 10%	6 5%	8 4%	24 12%	18 10%	21 15%	26 13%	61 13%	42 8%	18 10%	20 7%	22 10%	43 13%
Don't know	87 9%	7 7%	15 8%	19 10%	8 5%	8 6%	28 14%	37 8%	50 10%	9 5%	17 6%	15 7%	45 14%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q10a - As a result of the Act...Public authorities are becoming more open and accountable?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Agree strongly	322 32%	18 36%	12 40%	26 36%	25 31%	27 33%	58 33%	130 29%	25 35%
Agree slightly	322 32%	14 27%	4 13%	19 27%	33 40%	22 27%	60 35%	149 33%	21 29%
Neither / Nor	89 9%	5 10%	3 11%	9 13%	7 8%	7 9%	11 6%	35 8%	12 17%
Disagree slightly	90 9%	2 5%	3 9%	7 10%	10 12%	7 8%	17 10%	38 8%	7 9%
Disagree strongly	103 10%	5 10%	6 20%	5 7%	2 3%	12 15%	14 8%	53 12%	4 6%
Don't know	87 9%	6 12%	3 8%	6 8%	5 6%	6 8%	14 8%	44 10%	3 4%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q10b - As a result of the Act..More public authority information is available now than before?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Agree strongly	399 39%	52 47%	70 37%	84 42%	62 36%	54 38%	78 39%	200 41%	200 38%	78 41%	120 44%	96 43%	105 32%
Agree slightly	305 30%	22 20%	62 33%	50 25%	66 39%	49 35%	55 28%	131 27%	174 33%	71 37%	82 30%	63 29%	89 27%
Neither / Nor	82 8%	8 8%	19 10%	14 7%	16 9%	10 7%	15 7%	42 9%	40 8%	10 5%	23 9%	18 8%	30 9%
Disagree slightly	64 6%	12 11%	9 5%	12 6%	12 7%	10 7%	10 5%	29 6%	35 7%	11 6%	19 7%	11 5%	23 7%
Disagree strongly	48 5%	6 5%	5 3%	16 8%	2 1%	9 6%	11 6%	30 6%	19 4%	8 4%	10 3%	8 4%	23 7%
Don't know	114 11%	9 8%	25 13%	25 13%	13 8%	10 7%	32 16%	53 11%	61 12%	15 8%	20 7%	24 11%	55 17%

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Q10b - As a result of the Act..More public authority information is available now than before?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Agree strongly	399 39%	19 37%	8 26%	22 30%	30 36%	39 47%	79 45%	179 40%	25 34%
Agree slightly	305 30%	21 41%	14 47%	26 37%	32 39%	26 31%	50 28%	114 25%	22 30%
Neither / Nor	82 8%	1 3%	0 1%	8 12%	7 8%	3 3%	13 7%	37 8%	12 17%
Disagree slightly	64 6%	2 4%	2 5%	4 6%	3 4%	2 2%	8 4%	41 9%	2 3%
Disagree strongly	48 5%	2 4%	2 6%	5 7%	1 2%	5 7%	7 4%	23 5%	2 3%
Don't know	114 11%	6 11%	4 15%	6 9%	9 10%	8 9%	18 11%	55 12%	9 12%

SIC - Public Awareness Study

Q10c - Public authorities are more open and accountable than their equivalents in the UK?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Agree strongly	399 39%	52 47%	70 37%	84 42%	62 36%	54 38%	78 39%	200 41%	200 38%	78 41%	120 44%	96 43%	105 32%
Agree slightly	305 30%	22 20%	62 33%	50 25%	66 39%	49 35%	55 28%	131 27%	174 33%	71 37%	82 30%	63 29%	89 27%
Neither / Nor	82 8%	8 8%	19 10%	14 7%	16 9%	10 7%	15 7%	42 9%	40 8%	10 5%	23 9%	18 8%	30 9%
Disagree slightly	64 6%	12 11%	9 5%	12 6%	12 7%	10 7%	10 5%	29 6%	35 7%	11 6%	19 7%	11 5%	23 7%
Disagree strongly	48 5%	6 5%	5 3%	16 8%	2 1%	9 6%	11 6%	30 6%	19 4%	8 4%	10 3%	8 4%	23 7%
Don't know	114 11%	9 8%	25 13%	25 13%	13 8%	10 7%	32 16%	53 11%	61 12%	15 8%	20 7%	24 11%	55 17%

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Q10c - Public authorities are more open and accountable than their equivalents in the UK?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Agree strongly	399 39%	19 37%	8 26%	22 30%	30 36%	39 47%	79 45%	179 40%	25 34%
Agree slightly	305 30%	21 41%	14 47%	26 37%	32 39%	26 31%	50 28%	114 25%	22 30%
Neither / Nor	82 8%	1 3%	0 1%	8 12%	7 8%	3 3%	13 7%	37 8%	12 17%
Disagree slightly	64 6%	2 4%	2 5%	4 6%	3 4%	2 2%	8 4%	41 9%	2 3%
Disagree strongly	48 5%	2 4%	2 6%	5 7%	1 2%	5 7%	7 4%	23 5%	2 3%
Don't know	114 11%	6 11%	4 15%	6 9%	9 10%	8 9%	18 11%	55 12%	9 12%

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Q10d - Authorities will find a way round the Act and won't provide any information?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Agree strongly	304 30%	42 38%	45 24%	57 29%	41 24%	55 39%	63 31%	151 31%	153 29%	53 28%	82 30%	72 32%	97 30%
Agree slightly	277 27%	12 11%	59 31%	56 28%	55 32%	34 24%	61 30%	133 28%	144 27%	60 31%	65 24%	57 26%	95 29%
Neither / Nor	86 8%	11 10%	12 7%	13 6%	23 13%	13 9%	14 7%	43 9%	43 8%	16 9%	28 10%	21 9%	21 7%
Disagree slightly	122 12%	22 20%	35 18%	28 14%	12 7%	13 9%	13 7%	60 12%	62 12%	29 15%	39 14%	25 11%	30 9%
Disagree strongly	114 11%	14 13%	24 13%	27 13%	21 13%	13 9%	15 7%	57 12%	57 11%	23 12%	40 14%	23 10%	28 9%
Don't know	108 11%	9 8%	14 7%	20 10%	18 11%	12 9%	35 18%	40 8%	69 13%	10 5%	21 8%	24 11%	53 16%

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Q10d - Authorities will find a way round the Act and won't provide any information?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Agree strongly	304 30%	12 24%	8 25%	19 26%	23 28%	30 37%	56 32%	139 31%	18 25%
Agree slightly	277 27%	20 40%	10 33%	21 29%	18 23%	21 26%	46 27%	115 26%	25 34%
Neither / Nor	86 8%	3 5%	1 4%	8 11%	10 12%	6 8%	11 7%	42 9%	5 7%
Disagree slightly	122 12%	5 9%	8 25%	7 10%	15 19%	8 10%	28 16%	45 10%	6 9%
Disagree strongly	114 11%	6 11%	1 4%	10 14%	6 7%	8 9%	20 12%	54 12%	9 13%
Don't know	108 11%	5 11%	3 9%	7 10%	10 12%	9 11%	12 7%	54 12%	9 13%

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Q10e - No one bothers to use the rights provided by the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Agree strongly	125 12%	26 23%	22 11%	21 10%	17 10%	19 13%	22 11%	67 14%	58 11%	22 11%	32 12%	33 15%	39 12%
Agree slightly	286 28%	33 30%	46 24%	60 30%	45 27%	44 31%	58 29%	137 28%	148 28%	48 25%	79 29%	56 25%	103 32%
Neither / Nor	98 10%	8 7%	24 13%	15 8%	17 10%	14 10%	21 10%	45 9%	53 10%	18 9%	24 9%	18 8%	39 12%
Disagree slightly	197 19%	18 16%	38 20%	40 20%	38 22%	28 20%	36 18%	96 20%	101 19%	49 25%	59 21%	45 20%	45 14%
Disagree strongly	201 20%	22 20%	40 21%	51 26%	40 23%	24 17%	24 12%	101 21%	100 19%	48 25%	67 24%	41 18%	46 14%
Don't know	105 10%	4 4%	19 10%	13 7%	14 8%	14 10%	40 20%	39 8%	66 13%	9 5%	14 5%	29 13%	53 16%

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Q10e - No one bothers to use the rights provided by the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Agree strongly	125 12%	10 19%	2 7%	7 10%	4 5%	14 17%	23 13%	59 13%	6 8%
Agree slightly	286 28%	12 23%	7 23%	23 31%	29 36%	16 20%	48 27%	136 30%	15 21%
Neither / Nor	98 10%	6 12%	4 14%	6 9%	8 10%	7 8%	15 9%	41 9%	10 14%
Disagree slightly	197 19%	9 17%	4 12%	12 16%	14 18%	21 25%	37 21%	81 18%	19 27%
Disagree strongly	201 20%	7 14%	10 33%	17 24%	18 22%	18 22%	36 21%	81 18%	13 19%
Don't know	105 10%	8 15%	3 11%	7 10%	7 9%	6 8%	15 8%	51 11%	7 10%

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Q10f - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act is useful to me?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Agree strongly	301 30%	30 27%	57 30%	66 33%	56 33%	45 32%	46 23%	150 31%	151 29%	70 36%	88 32%	60 27%	82 25%
Agree slightly	328 32%	37 33%	65 35%	64 32%	62 36%	43 30%	58 29%	137 28%	191 36%	62 32%	95 35%	71 32%	99 31%
Neither / Nor	128 13%	18 16%	21 11%	27 13%	20 12%	18 13%	24 12%	69 14%	59 11%	29 15%	28 10%	30 14%	41 13%
Disagree slightly	98 10%	6 6%	28 15%	18 9%	13 8%	14 10%	19 10%	49 10%	49 9%	18 9%	29 10%	20 9%	32 10%
Disagree strongly	73 7%	11 10%	7 4%	14 7%	9 5%	11 8%	20 10%	42 9%	31 6%	8 4%	14 5%	21 9%	31 9%
Don't know	85 8%	9 8%	10 5%	12 6%	11 6%	9 7%	34 17%	37 8%	48 9%	6 3%	21 8%	19 9%	39 12%

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Q10f - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act is useful to me?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Agree strongly	301 30%	16 32%	7 23%	17 23%	18 22%	29 35%	50 29%	137 31%	26 36%
Agree slightly	328 32%	14 28%	8 25%	30 41%	33 41%	20 25%	62 36%	141 31%	19 27%
Neither / Nor	128 13%	2 4%	5 18%	9 13%	9 11%	10 12%	25 14%	57 13%	10 14%
Disagree slightly	98 10%	6 12%	7 23%	7 10%	9 11%	9 11%	16 9%	35 8%	8 11%
Disagree strongly	73 7%	5 10%	1 3%	3 4%	7 9%	8 10%	11 6%	32 7%	5 8%
Don't know	85 8%	7 13%	2 8%	6 9%	5 6%	5 6%	10 6%	47 10%	3 4%

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Q11 - Have you ever heard of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Yes, definitely	108 11%	9 8%	8 4%	20 10%	21 12%	18 12%	32 16%	50 10%	59 11%	19 10%	31 11%	25 11%	33 10%
Yes, I think so	81 8%	5 5%	16 9%	20 10%	7 4%	14 10%	18 9%	43 9%	38 7%	17 9%	24 9%	14 6%	26 8%
No, I don't think so	102 10%	11 10%	16 9%	29 14%	15 9%	17 12%	15 7%	48 10%	54 10%	31 16%	24 9%	26 12%	21 7%
No, definitely not	687 68%	76 69%	140 74%	130 65%	123 72%	87 62%	131 65%	321 66%	366 69%	121 63%	188 68%	151 68%	227 70%
Unsure	34 3%	9 9%	8 4%	1 1%	5 3%	5 3%	5 2%	22 5%	11 2%	5 3%	7 3%	5 2%	17 5%

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Q11 - Have you ever heard of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations?

	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Base									
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Yes, definitely	108 11%	4 7%	5 16%	10 13%	3 4%	7 9%	15 8%	60 13%	6 8%
Yes, I think so	81 8%	6 12%	4 13%	7 10%	8 9%	4 5%	19 11%	27 6%	5 7%
No, I don't think so	102 10%	5 9%	1 4%	3 4%	9 10%	6 7%	18 10%	53 12%	8 11%
No, definitely not	687 68%	36 70%	20 66%	50 70%	58 71%	62 76%	120 69%	289 64%	52 72%
Unsure	34 3%	1 2%	- -	2 3%	4 5%	2 2%	3 1%	20 5%	1 2%

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Q12 - Would you say you have a disability?

Base	Base	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted	1013	76	130	182	187	201	237	478	535	165	318	202	328
Weighted	1012	110	189	201	171	141	201	485	528	193	274	221	325
Yes	118 12%	7 6%	18 10%	14 7%	15 9%	20 14%	45 22%	62 13%	56 11%	18 10%	23 8%	21 10%	56 17%
No	851 84%	97 88%	164 87%	178 89%	149 87%	117 83%	147 73%	395 82%	456 86%	167 87%	245 90%	193 87%	246 76%
Unsure	10 1%	3 2%	2 1%	4 2%	1 0%	1 0%	- -	9 2%	1 0%	1 1%	1 0%	3 1%	5 2%
Refused to say	32 3%	4 3%	4 2%	5 3%	6 3%	4 3%	10 5%	18 4%	14 3%	6 3%	5 2%	4 2%	18 5%

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Q12 - Would you say you have a disability?

Base	Base	Central	Dumfries	Fife	Grampian	Highlands & Islands	Lothian & Borders	Strathclyde	Tayside
Unweighted	1013	63	39	74	97	96	194	390	60
Weighted	1012	51	31	72	82	82	174	449	72
Yes	118 12%	3 6%	2 6%	12 16%	7 8%	7 8%	21 12%	55 12%	12 17%
No	851 84%	45 87%	26 84%	58 81%	71 87%	72 88%	146 84%	376 84%	58 80%
Unsure	10 1%	- -	- -	- -	4 5%	- -	4 2%	3 1%	- -
Refused to say	32 3%	4 8%	3 10%	2 3%	0 1%	3 3%	3 2%	15 3%	2 3%

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