| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 23-0006Responded to: 18th January 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The total number of cannabis factories found by Police Scotland the past three years. Please break down the figures where possible by a) the number of plants and b) Estimated value

## Of the cases of cannabis factories found in the past three years, please can you tell me a) how many of these cases have resulted in convictions, and b) how many of these cases are still being investigated.

In response to your request, I can first of all advise you that there is no recognised definition of factory/farm and as such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

I can further advise you that crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification codes and are not thereafter sub-categorised.

In this instance, the relevant offence is Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs, however the classification is not thereafter sub-categorised by drug type.

As such, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to assess each crime report, for the time period requested, to establish whether cannabis was involved, and extract the relevant details.

As illustrated in our [Published Statistics](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/), the volume of reports that would need to be examined would be an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

If you require any further assistance please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.