| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-0820  Responded to: 26 April 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

We have received an unprecedented volume of requests lately and that has, unfortunately, impacted on our ability to meet the statutory timescales in some cases.

## I am looking for incidents which resulted in crime reports for assault for each of these locations, broken down annually for 2018 to 2024.

## Please also include a separate chart documenting incidents which resulted in crime reports for assault where the accused was under the age of 21.

## Please include all the above data for the below listed locations.

## Aberdeen: 2 Guild St, Aberdeen AB11 5RG

## Elgin: St Giles Rd/Alexandra Rd, Elgin, IV30 1PW

## Peterhead: Transport Interchange, Peterhead, Windmill St, Peterhead AB42 1LH

## Dyce: Station Rd, Dyce, Aberdeen AB21 7BA (train station)

## Shopping Centre & Academy stop, Dyce, Aberdeen AB21 7NF

## Inverurie: Inverurie AB51 3SN (train station)

## Inverurie Town Hall, Market Pl, Inverurie AB51 3SN

## Stonehaven: Arduthie Road, Stonehaven, AB39 2NE (both the Stonehaven Railway Station and Station Hotel bus stops)

To explain first of all, the terminology used in your request makes this quite complex to answer.

In policing terms, incidents and crimes are two different things.

An incident report will be recorded on our STORM system usually as a result of a 101/ 999 call or an online report.

Incidents are classified but in very general terms.

Some, but not all, incidents result in the creation of one, or sometimes several, crime reports on our UNIFI system.

Crimes are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department classifications, but those do not align to those used in STORM.

Furthermore, there is no link between these two systems - and the level of detail recorded in each is very different.

STORM may record, for example, under the classification of ‘disturbance’ - disturbance at bus station, group of teenagers, police attended, two individuals arrested etc.

In contrast, the resultant crime reports will be one per crime per individual - and will include their biographical details including name/ date of birth etc.

Personal information such as the ages of parties involved in incidents is not usually recorded on STORM

We cannot search STORM for incidents that resulted in a crime report of a particular type.

The only detail on the STORM report is that a crime was recorded.

In our response to FOI 24-0387 we provided you with details of recorded crimes at each locus, including a further subset of that data for those where the accused was aged under 21 at the time of the offence.

In this request you have asked about incidents that led to those crimes specifically and I’m afraid that extensive research would be required to provide such data.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request.

I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

I can however provide you, for each locus, a list of **all** recorded incidents that are marked as having resulted in the creation of a crime report, broken down by final incident classification.

You will note that there is one for ‘assault’, but I would stress that it is wholly possible that such incidents perhaps resulted in a crime report for a less serious offence.

Equally, it may also be the case that other incident types, public nuisance/ hate crime etc, resulted in a crime report for an assault.

Incidents, marked as resulting in the creation of a crime report - recorded at Aberdeen Bus Station 2018 to 2024 (0 in 2020):

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Final Incident Classification** | **2018** | **2019** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **Total** |
| Assault | 2 | 1 |  | 1 | 2 |  | 6 |
| Assist member of the public | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Child protection |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Concern for person |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Damage |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Disturbance |  |  | 1 | 2 | 5 |  | 8 |
| Domestic incident |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Drugs/substance misuse | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Housebreaking |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Other crime |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Police information |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Public nuisance | 1 |  |  | 2 | 1 |  | 4 |
| Road traffic collision |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 |
| Sexual offence |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Suspect persons |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Theft | 3 |  | 1 | 5 | 6 |  | 15 |
| Grand total | 9 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 18 | 1 | 47 |

Incidents, marked as resulting in the creation of a crime report - recorded at Elgin Bus Station 2018 to 2024:

| **Final Incident Classification** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Assault |  |  | 1 |  | 6 | 4 | 2 | 13 |
| Assist member of the public |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Child protection | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Communications |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Concern for person |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Disturbance |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Drugs/substance misuse | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Fires |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Hate crime |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Public nuisance | 1 |  | 1 |  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Road traffic collision |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Road traffic offence |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Sexual offence |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Sudden death |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Theft |  | 1 |  | 1 | 2 | 1 |  | 5 |
| Grand total | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 6 | 43 |

Incidents, marked as resulting in the creation of a crime report - recorded at Peterhead Bus Station 2018 to 2024 (0 in 2019):

| **Final Incident Classification** | **2018** | **2020** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Assault | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 2 |
| Concern for person |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Damage |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Disturbance |  |  | 1 | 1 |  | 2 |
| Drugs/substance misuse | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| External agency request |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Sexual offence |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Theft | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Grand total | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 10 |

Incidents, marked as resulting in the creation of a crime report - recorded at Dyce Train Station, 2018 to 2024:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Final Incident Classification** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **Total** |
| Abandoned vehicles |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Assault | 2 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  | 4 |
| Communications |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Concern for person |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 |
| Damage |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 2 |
| Drone/uas/uav incident | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Other crime | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Police generated activity | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Public nuisance | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Road traffic collision | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Road traffic matter | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Road traffic offence |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Sexual offence |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Grand total | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 20 |

Incidents, marked as resulting in the creation of a crime report - recorded at Dyce Shopping Centre and Academy Stop, 2018 to 2024:

| **Final Incident Classification** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Assault | 1 | 2 |  |  | 1 | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Assist member of the public |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Child protection |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Communications | 1 |  | 2 | 2 |  |  | 1 | 6 |
| Concern for person |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 3 |
| Damage | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |  | 4 |
| Disturbance |  |  | 1 |  | 2 | 1 |  | 4 |
| Domestic incident |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 |
| Drugs/substance misuse |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Duplicate incident |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Fires |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 3 |  | 5 |
| Fraud incident |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  | 2 |
| Hate crime | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 3 |
| Housebreaking |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 |  | 3 |
| Other crime | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 3 |
| Police information |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Public nuisance |  | 2 |  | 3 | 1 | 2 |  | 8 |
| Road traffic collision | 2 |  | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| Road traffic matter |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Road traffic offence |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Sexual offence |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 2 |
| Theft | 58 | 41 | 23 | 14 | 29 | 39 | 4 | 208 |
| Grand total | 66 | 53 | 31 | 25 | 41 | 58 | 10 | 284 |

Incidents, marked as resulting in the creation of a crime report - recorded at Inverurie Train Station, 2018 to 2024 (0 in 2018 and 2019):

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| **Final Incident Classification** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **Total** |
| Concern for person | 1 |  | 1 | 2 |  | 4 |
| Damage |  | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 3 |
| Disturbance |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Domestic incident |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Road traffic collision |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Road traffic offence |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Grand total | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 11 |

Incidents, marked as resulting in the creation of a crime report - recorded at Inverurie Town Hall, 2018 to 2024 (0 in 2020, 2021 and 2024):

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Final Incident Classification** | **2018** | **2019** | **2022** | **2023** | **Total** |
| Assault |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Disturbance | 1 | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Public nuisance |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Road traffic matter |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Theft |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Grand total | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 |

Incidents, marked as resulting in the creation of a crime report - recorded at Stonehaven Railway Station and Stonehaven Hotel bus stop, 2018 to 2024:

| **Final Incident Classification** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Assault |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 2 |
| Concern for person |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Damage |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 3 |
| Disturbance |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Domestic incident |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Duplicate incident |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Police information |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Road traffic offence |  | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Theft | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Vehicle crime |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 |
| Grand total | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 19 |

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

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