| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2377Responded to: 27 September 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Under the FOI Act, can I request a) the overall number of civil claims settled and b) the total cost in settlement payouts in each financial year from 2019/20 to**

**2023/24, in relation to claims made to members of the public.**

Please see the table below for the information requested.

*Civil claims settled – Financial years 2019-2020 – 2023/2024.*

| **Financial Year** | **Civil claims settled** | **Total settlements** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2019/2020 | 76 | £540,626 |
| 2020/2021 | 56 | £493,571 |
| 2021/2022 | 64 | £1,683,240 |
| 2022/2023 | 70 | £241,284 |
| 2023/2024 | 54 | £319,097 |
| **Total** | **320** | **£3,277,818** |

**Particularly, a breakdown of how many of these claims were for malfeasance and the total amount paid in such cases would be useful.**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, malfeasance does not extend to Scots Law.

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.