| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2778  Responded to: 17 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please provide the following for the year 2023-24:**

* **The number of flytipping incidents reported**

Between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, there were 197 recorded incidents classified as 'litter/ flytipping' on our systems.

*All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.*

*Data has been extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as at 27/6/2024.*

*Data was extracted using the incident's raised date and by using Disposal codes AB24 - Litter / Flytipping.*

*Error and transferred incidents have been removed.*

* **The number of fixed penalty notices issued for flytipping**
* **The number of flytipping incidents passed to the COPFS**

Police Scotland are not routinely involved in the response to littering or fly tipping except where incidents are ongoing.

These matters are predominantly enforced by local authorities, and they issue the relevant fixed penalty notices etc.  Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) also have a role to play where the waste is believed to be of a hazardous nature or is near a watercourse.  You may wish to contact these agencies with your request.

Notwithstanding, in the event that such behaviours were dealt with by Police Scotland, any offences would be recorded in terms of the more general classification of 'litter offences' in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications, therefore, in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

* **The number of convictions for flytipping obtained**

Police Scotland does not hold criminal conviction/ prosecution data and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and/ or the Scottish Courts Service.

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.

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](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.