| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1812Responded to: 29th July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many police investigations were undertaken by Police Scotland into cases of alleged financial crime where:

##  The victim was the subject of Financial Guardianship or a Financial Power of Attorney and the alleged perpetrator held financial Power of Attorney of Financial Guardianship?, and,

##  How many of these investigations resulted in a referral to the Procurator Fiscal.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications, however there is no Scottish crime classification relevant to your request. ‘Financial crime’ would likely be recorded as fraud.

The only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each report of fraud created on our systems to determine any relevance to your request. Considering the numbers of incidents involved, 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) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

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.