| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2661  Responded to: 22 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

## 1. In a breakdown of each of the past 8 years, how many serving police officers in Scotland have been reported to COPFS via Standard Prosecution Report for domestic abuse offences? It is important to make the distinction of those ONLY reported via SPR.

The Professional Standards Department (PSD) database holds a ‘domestic circumstance’ marker that can be appended to any case containing allegations which are perceived to contain a domestic element which are included in the data provided.

*Table 1: Number of officers who been subject of a Standard Police Report (SPR) to the Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) for offences/crimes with a domestic element, broken down by financial year1:-*

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| **Financial year** | **Number of officers** |
| 2016/17 | 3 |
| 2017/18 | 5 |
| 2018/19 | 10 |
| 2019/20 | 18 |
| 2020/21 | 12 |
| 2021/22 | 21 |
| 2022/23 | 18 |
| 2023/24 | 12 |

*1 Data provided is accurate as at 25/10/2024.*

## 2. For the same period, how many of those subject officers have

## (a) been convicted of a domestic abuse offence

*Table 2: Number of officers, included in Table 1, who have been convicted of an offence with a domestic element, broken down by financial year1:-*

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| **Financial year** | **Number of officers** |
| 2016/17 | 2 |
| 2017/18 | 0 |
| 2018/19 | 2 |
| 2019/20 | 5 |
| 2020/21 | 2 |
| 2021/22 | 6 |
| 2022/23 | 3 |
| 2023/24 | 1 |

*1 Data provided is accurate as at 02/11/2024.*

## (b) had the case marked no proceedings by COPFS

*Table 3: Number of officers, included in Table 1, whereby the SPR was subsequently marked ‘No Proceedings’ or ‘No Action’ by COPFS, broken down by financial year1:-*

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| **Financial year** | **Number of officers** |
| 2016/17 | 0 |
| 2017/18 | 2 |
| 2018/19 | 4 |
| 2019/20 | 7 |
| 2020/21 | 3 |
| 2021/22 | 6 |
| 2022/23 | 6 |
| 2023/24 | 8 |

*1 Data provided is accurate as at 02/11/2024.*

Please note that legal proceedings may remain ongoing for SPRs included in Q1 and have yet to be concluded.

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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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.