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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Can you provide figures relating to police officers either dismissed/sacked or given a prison sentence since 2019 relating to gross misconduct in a public office?

In response to this question, I would first advise you that crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD) offence classification codes.

Whilst police constables in England and Wales can face a charge of committing misconduct in public office, no such offence exists for officers in Scotland.

Therefore section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 applies: notice that information is not held.

By way of assistance, you may find the following information helpful:

The formal disciplinary process for Police Officers is governed by [the Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Regulations 2014](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2014/68/contents/made).

The associated [Scottish Government Guidance Document](https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/factsheet/2018/04/conduct-and-performance-procedures-police-guidance/documents/police-guidance-conduct-procedures/police-guidance-conduct-procedures/govscot%3Adocument/Police%2BService%2Bof%2BScotland%2B%2528conduct%2529%2Bregulations%2B2014.pdf) provides further information on the process and allegations are categorised in line with our [Standards of Professional Behaviour](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/who-we-are/our-standards-of-professional-behaviour/).

You may also be interested in our [Suspension from Duty SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/0opgo31b/eqhria-summary-of-results-for-suspension-from-duty-sop.pdf).

Finally, the following data was recently published on our Disclosure Log:

[24-1922 - PSD - Officer (Gross) Misconduct Gross stats, suspensions & resignation/ retiral outcomes - 2013 TD - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/disclosure-log-2024/september/24-1922-psd-officer-gross-misconduct-gross-stats-suspensions-resignation-retiral-outcomes-2013-td/)

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.