| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0192  Responded to: 29 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request the following information regarding injuries sustained by pro-Palestine protestors following contact with Police Scotland between October 2023 and October 2024 that required medical treatment at a hospital A&E department, Minor Injuries Unit, or other professional health service .

## (1) Total number of pro-Palestine protestors who sustained an injury as a result of contact with Police Scotland that required professional medical treatment between October 2023 and October 2024

## (2) Total number of pro-Palestine protestors who received medical treatment for injuries whilst in police custody between October 2023 and October 2024

## (3) Total number of pro-Palestine protestors who were hospitalised as a result of contact with Police Scotland between October 2023 and October 2024.

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.

By way of explanation, our Operational Support Division planning team confirm that they have had no involvement in the operational response to any such events for the time period covered by your request.

That means that any pre-planned and/ or spontaneous pro-Palestine protests will have been managed by local policing divisions.

In terms of questions 1 and 2 of your request, there is no way that any such information could be gathered or collated other than by making enquiries with each division as regards any identifiable protest activity they responded to in their division.

This would be complex due both to the number of divisions, the number of protests/ officers involved and also the ability to identify any spontaneous incidents (which are not searchable in any way from our systems).

In terms of custody data, there is no way of searching our custody recording system for detentions linked to protests.

A huge number of individuals receive medical treatment whilst in custody (provided by the NHS) but we cannot search such activity by any link to protests as the recorded reason for detention will simply be, for example, assault.

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.