| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2328  Responded to: 9 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many reports of registered sex offenders failing to comply with their notification requirements Police Scotland received in 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and so far in 2024-25. If possible, please break this information down by which requirement the registered sex offender failed to comply with.

## Of these reports, how many were passed on to the procurator fiscal in each of the aforementioned financial years, how many of these reports are considered resolved by Police Scotland …

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) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

Crimes and offences in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD) classifications and the relevant one in terms of your request is ‘Failure to notify police/ provision of false information’.

That classification encompasses crimes in terms of several separate pieces of legislation, not all related to sex offenders.

To research your request, each crime report would have to be individually assessed to determine whether it related to a failure to comply with sex offender notification requirements.

To illustrate the scale of such a task, I can advise you that there were 647 recorded crimes in 2022/23 alone.

## … and what the outcomes of these reports were (e.g. was there a prosecution, conviction or a finding of not guilty etc.).

In terms of section 17 of the Act, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

To explain, Police Scotland investigate crimes and offences and, where sufficient evidence exists, report cases to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

COPFS decide whether to progress a prosecution through the courts, and they hold the outcome of any court cases.

By way of assistance, I have listed below contact details for the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service who may be able to assist you in this matter:

Crown Office, 25 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LA or via <http://www.copfs.gov.uk/>

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.