| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3220  Responded to: 15 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1/ The total number of Freedom of Information requests responded to by the force for this calendar year (2024). This is not the total number of FOI requests received but rather the total number of decisions sent to respondents by the force. Please do not include responses to internal reviews for all parts of this request, only responses to original requests.**

 Between 1 January and 31 December 2024, 2,942 FOI responses were issued by Police Scotland. As per the terms of your request, this figure is based on the date of response, and so will include FOI requests received in 2023.

**2/ The total number of these decisions (the figure provided for part 1) which included a public interest test.  
4/ A breakdown of the total number of public interest tests provided in the response to part 2 which concluded information should not be released (i.e. the conclusion of the test favoured non-disclosure).**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process these parts of your request.

I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

The only way to provide a definitive answer to this question is to individually assess all FOI response documents where information was withheld from disclosure in terms of a relevant exemption.

There are 761 such responses that *should* contain reference to the public interest test on that basis, but it is not inconceivable that responses may exist without such content in error.

**3/ A breakdown of the total number of public interest tests provided in the response to part 2 which concluded that information should be released (i.e. the conclusion of the test favoured disclosure).**

Zero.

To explain, a public interest test is only articulated in a Police Scotland FOI response where the decision is to refuse to provide information.

Where deliberations had been made regarding the applicability of any exemptions, and a decision made to disclose the information - on the basis that in accordance with section 2 of the Act, the public interest in disclosing the information is not outweighed by that in exempting it - no public interest test will be included in the response.

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.