| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0247  Responded to: 17 February 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please provide figures for the four year period 2019-2022 for:**

1. **The number of individuals reported for alleged sexual offences (including all categories, e.g. rape, indecent assault etc) where the occupation is given as fireman, firefighter or fire service staff.**
2. **For each report, please also give the crime location. If it is not possible to give the exact location, please give the location type e.g. nightclub, work premises, fire station etc.**
3. **For each report, please tell us the status or outcome of the investigation e.g. convicted, ongoing, no evidence, no further action, evidential difficulties etc.**

Having considered your request in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to manually read every relevant crime report to establish whether an accused’s occupation is recorded at the time of offending. To illustrate, [published figures](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/x5xjakax/force-area-quarter-4-official-002.pdf) show that for the 2021/22 financial year, there were 15, 049 recorded sexual crimes. As such this is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.