| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2484  Responded to: 10 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am currently working on my final year dissertation and my question is 'How does mental health affect the rate of homicides in the whole of the UK and different countries?' and I was wondering if I would be able to get data on how many people who committed homicide was suffering with mental health issues during the time period of January 2019 to January 2023**

I am refusing to comply with your request in terms of section 14(2) of the Act:

“Where a Scottish public authority has complied with a request from a person for information, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent request from that person which is identical or substantially similar unless there has been a reasonable period of time between the making of the request complied with and the making of the subsequent request.”

Your request was previously answered on 04 April 2024 with reference FOI 24-0759.

Our response can be viewed on the Police Scotland Disclosure Log:

[24-0759 - Mental health statistics linked with homicides - 2013-23 - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/disclosure-log-2024/march/24-0759-mental-health-statistics-linked-with-homicides-2013-23/)

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.