| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1679Responded to: xx July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

Could I request the following data, under a Freedom of Information request:

## A yearly break down of assaults on woman in Edinburgh, including a breakdown of the locations of the assaults, 2016 to 2023. What I mean by location is did the assault take place in a pub, the street, a house, a car park, a cemetery etc (the last one is important).

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, we are unable to automatically extract crimes by gender of the victim.

The only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each assault crime report created on our systems to determine if the victim was a woman.

Considering the numbers of incidents involved this is clearly an exercise which would exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

Please note that even were this element of your request feasible, we cannot perform a search based on the locus of a crime, i.e. whether it occurred in a pub, the street, a house, a car park or a cemetery, and the same limitations would apply.

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 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 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.