| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2714  Responded to: 13 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I would like to make the following Freedom of Information request from your force:**

**- The number of murder-for-hire (soliciting to murder) plots thwarted/stopped by your police force between October 20, 2019 and October 20, 2024.**

**- Within those figures, how many plots resulted in an arrest(s) and/or charge(s)**

**- Was the murder-for-hire plot involving the hiring of hitmen/assassins from outside of the United Kingdom? (YES/NO). If YES, which country?**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. Please note, we have conducted a search and this is a Home Office classification and does not extend to Scotland.

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.