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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**When the police are called to an incident where someone has died, and their death is unquestionable (i.e. the officers do not attempt CPR on the person) officers will, in most circumstances, wait at scene for an ambulance or lone paramedic to attend and pronounce life extinct (PLE) / confirm death (CoD). The ambulance service do not treat these calls as a high priority.**

**In the calendar year 2024, to date, how long (both cumulatively and per incident on average) have officers waited at the incident locus for the ambulance or lone paramedic to attend? I am interested in the time elapsed between the police officers arriving at the locus until the ambulance / paramedic arriving at the locus.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request and I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, the only way of collating the data sought would be to review all relevant sudden death reports and associated records to determine if the information was held.

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.