| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0161  Responded to: 27 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Could I please request the following data from Police Scotland for 2024?

## • Total deaths in custody (total of those that were self-inflicted)

There were 4 recorded deaths in Police Custody from 1 January to 31 December 2024.

In respect of those that were self-inflicted, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Cause of death information is not recorded by Police Scotland. The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and the Police Investigations & Review Commissioner will hold this information.

## • Total Self-Harm (broken down to male/female/CYP)

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

To explain, this information is not centrally recorded. Researching your request would require the individual assessment of all National Custody System records which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

## • Total Assaults (broken down to custody on staff- or any other)

## • Total assaults of serious nature requiring more than first aid

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

To explain, all recorded assaults, whether police assault or otherwise, would have to be individually assessed to determine whether they took place in a police custody environment, an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of assistance, some more general information regarding officer assault is available online (page 49 & 50):

[Quarter 2 SPA Performance Report](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/p31iktcu/quarter-2-spa-performance-report.docx)

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.