| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0331Responded to: 13 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Under FOI I would like to ask Police Scotland how many reports of domestic violence or abuse were made in the past three years, and what proportion of these resulted in officers attending the scene.**

**Could this be broken down by year and geographical area.**

Regarding reports of domestic abuse, broken down by year and geographical area, the information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Domestic abuse in Scotland statistics - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/collections/domestic-abuse-in-scotland-statistics/)

Regarding what proportion of these reports resulted in officers attending the scene, 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, the formal data regarding domestic abuse incidents is extracted from IVPD and that has no searchable field to indicate whether or not an officer attended.

To provide these figures, would require a manual review of the initial incident log on STORM command and control (which may or may not have been flagged as domestic at the time) and extract and note attendance figures from there. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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](https://www.foi.scot/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.