| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-3231Responded to: 07 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I understand that the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is currently conducting 12 criminal investigations into this issue. I would like to request the following information related to your police force's involvement in these investigations:

## Involvement in Investigations: Could you confirm if your police force is involved in any investigations into the illegal sale or supply of weight loss products? If so, please provide a summary of your force’s role and any actions taken to date.

## Geographic Areas: Could you specify the geographic regions within your jurisdiction where investigations into the illegal sale of weight loss products are taking place?

## Enforcement Actions: Can you provide details of any enforcement actions, such as arrests, seizures, or prosecutions, that your police force has undertaken in relation to this matter?

## Investigation Status: If possible, could you provide an update on the status of these investigations? Are any of them ongoing, or have they resulted in any criminal charges?

This was then later clarified to

## The products in question are relating to semaglitude drugs

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, there is no automatic way to extract the information you have requested, and we would have to review all potentially relevant crime reports to establish whether there is any relevance to semaglutide-containing “weight loss” medicines.

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.