| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0500  Responded to: 24 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to request information regarding:

## Both lists to be from the period of the inception of Police Scotland to today.

## A list of Police Officers working in the Custody area who were convicted of an assault on an individual in custody, and of those officers convicted, how many were then subsequently dismissed through the disciplinary process, as a result of that conviction.

## A list of members of Police Staff carrying out their duties as CJPCSO's, or PCSO's (as they were formally known), who were convicted of an assault on an individual in custody, and of those members of Police Staff who were convicted, how many were then subsequently dismissed through the disciplinary process as a result of that conviction.

In response to the two questions above, I am refusing to comply with your request in terms of section 14(2) of the Act:

“Where a Scottish public authority has complied with a request from a person for information, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent request from that person which is identical or substantially similar unless there has been a reasonable period of time between the making of the request complied with and the making of the subsequent request.”

Your request was recently answered within FOI 25-0438.

Our response can be viewed on the Police Scotland Disclosure Log within seven days of the initial response.

[Disclosure Log - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/)

## Information from NCS (National Custody System) How many entries are there regarding Hatch incidents, and of those how many times did officers / staff have to enter to cell to resolve the matter.

## How many use of force forms have been submitted due to a cell hatch incident. .

In response to the two questions above, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600, and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of section 16(4) of the Act where section 12(1) (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, to identify the number of “hatch” incidents for the time period requested, each custody record since 01 April 2013, the creation of Police Scotland, would need to be manually assessed to identify any circumstances of note, this would then need to be cross referenced to determine if any “use of force” form was completed.

This is an exercise that would greatly exceed the cost set out within the Act.

Should you wish to significantly reduce the time period of your request it may be that some information could be provided to you, however it is worthy of note that the time period may have to be significantly narrow that this would mitigate any meaningful comparative data.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.