| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1748Responded to: 02 September 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many hate crime complaints were made to Police Scotland under the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act, in relation to the front page of The National (edition of Saturday, July 13, 2024).

## https://x.com/ScotNational/status/1811857044523131384/photo/1

## Can I also ask, of those complaints, how many have been recorded as a hate crime? And have any charges been brought in relation to these?

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, while the edition noted above is dated 13 July 2024 a complaint to the police regards the front page of the publication could be at any time after the event.

There is no method that would enable a straightforward extraction of reports relating specifically to the publication, as such all hate crimes from the date forward would have to be manually examined to identify if any relevant information was held.

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

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.