| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2573  Responded to: 15 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I would like to have the exact figures for the number of people prosecuted for hate crimes against**

**a) The Orange Community in Scotland**

**And**

**b) The Protestant Faith in Scotland**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

The Role of Police in Scotland, in relation to crimes and offences, is to investigate the circumstances and where sufficient evidence exists, to report the case to the relevant Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. It is then a matter for the Procurator Fiscal to determine whether to progress through the courts.

If you wish to submit a new request for reported and detected crime statistics, we can look at this.

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.