| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1581  Responded to: 24th June 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1. The number of crime reports or records that mention any of the following keywords: "sci-hub," "scihub," "[sci-hub.se](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fsci-hub.se%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C67d2c912e7144210d90108dc91f86601%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638545743415019321%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YRA7IwK0npmEJW2fnRDMd5XKZ4YJdBDDd%2B7tjRPm37A%3D&reserved=0)," "[sci-hub.st](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fsci-hub.st%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C67d2c912e7144210d90108dc91f86601%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638545743415019321%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UO76aI6PYsmSOr82%2BHZPrB0W4lftjBGfHhaJhBkVezw%3D&reserved=0)," or "[sci-hub.ru](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fsci-hub.ru%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C67d2c912e7144210d90108dc91f86601%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638545743415019321%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TnNXLgNRVhx%2FQgczgVmpnKBwbMmncXv%2FAeZIpqqSWEI%3D&reserved=0)."

## 2. Information on any investigations or legal actions taken by your police force in relation to the use of Sci-Hub.

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 are no search markers for the use of Sci-Hub. The only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each crime report created on our systems to determine relevance. Considering the numbers of incidents involved this is clearly an exercise which would exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

## 3. Copies of any internal guidance or memos that mention the following keywords: "sci-hub," "scihub," "[sci-hub.se](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fsci-hub.se%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C67d2c912e7144210d90108dc91f86601%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638545743415175577%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6jsEpOdjp5%2Ff8I4IxOqkP3YbZYZ8X%2BIC6L%2Bs8GrnxhU%3D&reserved=0)," "[sci-hub.st](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fsci-hub.st%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C67d2c912e7144210d90108dc91f86601%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638545743415175577%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=etTxc5pO6MxONwhOSIaswChlzHVk2WehzEYltwMSuoU%3D&reserved=0)," or "[sci-hub.ru](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fsci-hub.ru%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C67d2c912e7144210d90108dc91f86601%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638545743415175577%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pXgWHcac9aoR%2F7srskwRkSkx5%2B01N8U9gK3F1qIDoEM%3D&reserved=0)."

Police Scotland hold no internal guidance or memos of relevance therefore the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

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.