

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1149
Date: 16th June 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

- 1. How many reports of sexual assault were made in the following years:**
 - 2020-21
 - 2019-20
 - 2018-19
 - 2017-18
 - 2016-17
- 2. How many reports of rape were made in the following years:**
 - 2020-21
 - 2019-20
 - 2018-19
 - 2017-18
 - 2016-17
- 3. How many reports of domestic abuse were made in the following years:**
 - 2020-21
 - 2019-20
 - 2018-19
 - 2017-18
 - 2016-17
- 4. How many reports of sexual assault, made during the following years, were closed with no further action:**
 - 2020-21
 - 2019-20
 - 2018-19
 - 2017-18
 - 2016-17
- 5. How many reports of rape, made during the following years, were closed with no further action:**
 - 2020-21
 - 2019-20
 - 2018-19
 - 2017-18
 - 2016-17
- 6. How many reports of domestic abuse, made in the following years, were closed with no further action:**
 - 2020-21
 - 2019-20

- 2018-19
- 2017-18
- 2016-17

7. How many people were charged with perpetrating sexual assault in the following years:

- 2020-21
- 2019-20
- 2018-19
- 2017-18
- 2016-17

8. How many people were charged with rape in the following years:

- 2020-21
- 2019-20
- 2018-19
- 2017-18
- 2016-17

9. How many people were charged with domestic abuse in the following years:

- 2020-21
- 2019-20
- 2018-19
- 2017-18
- 2016-17

Please be advised that statistics regarding recorded and detected domestic abuse and sexual crimes are publicly available.

As such, in terms of Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to provide you with the information sought. Section 16 requires Police Scotland when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

- (a) states that it holds the information,
- (b) states that it is claiming an exemption,
- (c) specifies the exemption in question and
- (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested and the exemption that I consider to be applicable is set out at Section 25(1) of the Act - information otherwise accessible:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under Section 1(1) is exempt information”

The information you are seeking is available on the Police Scotland website, via the following link:

[How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

You may also be interested in a previous FOI Response which provides statistics regarding Domestic Abuse offences:-

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[22-0262 - Crime Statistics - Domestic Abuse - 2016-2021 - Police Scotland](#)

Please be advised that 'Closed no further action' is a Home Office outcome classification which is not used in Scotland – our crimes are recorded as Recorded/ Detected only.

As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.