| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1391Responded to: 26 May 2025 |
| --- | --- |

Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please supply me with the total number of times that police officers from Police Scotland attended the private residence of a law abiding citizen, on the orders of a politician, in that the politician was allegedly concerned for the mental welfare of a member of the public. In order to assist with your search, at times these checks are referred to as: "Safe and well" or "Concern for welfare checks".**

**Please supply me with this overall figure, from 1 January 2022 until the present day.**

**In order to save time, if you are intending to use the excuse that to do such a search would be too expensive, let us say, more than £600, then please conduct a search up to the amount permitted by law.**

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.

To assist, I can advise we can provide data on the number of incidents attended by officers which were classified as 'concern for person' incidents, but in order to establish whether these were linked to contact from a politician, each incident would have to be individually assessed for relevance.

Please note that we are not obliged to conduct research up to the £600 limit and, for the avoidance of any doubt, I can see no means by which your request could be meaningfully refined to bring it within that limit.

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](https://www.foi.scot/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.