| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2568  Responded to: 10 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## For each of the past ten financial years (or as far back as records are available), please provide the details of compensation payments made by Police Scotland in connection with claims, complaints, or legal actions in which it was alleged that a serving officer or officers:

## assaulted,

## manhandled,

## used excessive force, or

## otherwise caused physical injury to a member of the public.

## For each year, please also provide:

## the total monetary value of these payments,

## the number of individual cases settled, and

## whether each case was resolved through out-of-court settlement, court judgment, or other resolution.

## Please include all relevant cases regardless of whether liability was admitted, and whether the payment was made directly by Police Scotland or via its insurers, indemnity arrangements, or other third-party schemes.

## If available, please provide a brief description of each case (e.g., nature of allegation, general circumstances) with any personal or identifying details removed.

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, to provide this information would involve our Legal department to search through all Public Liability Claims that include assault/use of excessive force/injury to identify the relevant claims. In total there is 8,175 Public Liability Claims, to look through all these for Assault claims alone would take 130 hours and would cost £2,037.50. To thereafter identify value of payments and outcome of each case would require an even more detailed review of each file. Therefore, this will cost well in excess of the £600 and 40 hours prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under 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](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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.