

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2564
Date: 20 December 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. I would like to know how many people in the last 3 years have been charged with attempted murder.

There were 757 detected crimes of Attempted Murder in the period between 1 December 2019 and 30 November 2022. This is broken down as follows:

01/12/2019 to 30/11/2020 - 253
01/12/2020 to 30/11/2021 - 242
01/12/2021 to 30/11/2022 - 262

2. How many of those people have been charged with this offence when the reported complainer was not injured.

3. How many of these crimes do not involve a vehicle.

For ease, Q2 and Q3 have been answered together:

Having considered your request in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, the only way to determine the details of the any injury sustained by the victim and whether a vehicle was involved would be to manually read each and every relevant crime report. I can further advise you that the details you request are not held in a specific format and further research may be required to accurately respond. On that basis I estimate this would be an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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If you require further assistance or 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.