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

## In all of the following questions, we are requesting the total figure for the period beginning with the earliest date for which records are held and ending with the present day (‘the relevant period’). We anticipate that the figures will be small, and so we also request that you indicate in which year(s) any cases occurred.

## During the relevant period, in relation to the Scottish common law crime of abortion (also known as ‘procuring abortion’):

## On how many occasions was a case of suspected abortion reported to the police?

## On how many occasions were reports of abortion investigated by the police?

## How many of these reports and investigations resulted in cases being passed to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service?

Data is held for the period 1 January 202 - 31 August 2013:

| **Year** | **Abortion - Recorded** | **Abortion - Detected** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2019 | 1 | 1 |

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## In how many cases investigated by the police was the woman alleged to have had the abortion investigated as a suspect?

None

## In how many cases which were passed to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service was the woman alleged to have had the abortion the suspect (or one of the suspects)?

None

## During the relevant period, in relation to the crime of ‘concealment of birth’ under the Concealment of Birth (Scotland) Act 1809:

## How many cases of suspected concealment of birth were reported to the police?

## How many of these reports were investigated by the police?

## How many of these reports and investigations resulted in a case being passed to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service?

Data is held for the period 1 January 2002 - 31 August 2013:

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| **Year** | **Concealment of Pregnancy**  **- Recorded** | **Concealment of Pregnancy**  **- Detected** |
| 2004 | 1 | 1 |
| 2005 | 1 | 0 |
| 2006 |  | 1 |
| 2007 | 3 | 2 |
| 2008 | 2 | 1 |
| 2009 | 0 | 1 |
| 2011 | 1 | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **8** | **7** |

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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.