| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0715  Responded to: 05 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding police incidents at motorway service areas within your jurisdiction. Please provide the following data for the period January 2020 – December 2024. The total number of times police were called to motorway service areas within your force area during this period.

## A breakdown of the nature of the incidents (e.g., theft, violent crime, drug-related offences, anti-social behaviour, vehicle crime, public order offences).

## The number of arrests made at motorway services during this period, if available.

## If possible, a list of the specific motorway service areas included in the data.

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, we cannot search incidents based on the type of location. The only way to collate the data in an accurate manner is to manually review all crime reports for relevance to occurrence at a motorway service station. This is clearly an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold set out within 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](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.