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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.

Please, first of all, accept my sincere apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Of the 322,271 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to the police in 2021-22, how many perpetrators of the behaviour were given Fixed Penalty Notices?

Of the 322,271 incidents reported to the police in 2021-22, how many perpetrators of the behaviour were given a Recorded Police Warnings?

Of the 322,271 incidents reported to the police in 2021-22, how many alleged perpetrators were charged with a criminal offence? Where they were charged with a criminal offence, a breakdown of the types of charges the alleged offender was issued with and the frequency of those charges.

Having considered these questions 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, data is held on different systems. Assuming a 'perpetrator' is identified in the incident log, this name would need to be cross referenced with crime etc systems – given that there would be thousands of reports to read through, this would be an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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Of the 322,271 incidents reported to the police in 2021-22, how many of these incidents were attended by police officers.

Records indicate that there were 208,825 recorded incidents attended by at least one Unit.

STORM is the system used by Police Scotland for the management of police incidents and resources and is the source of the data provided in this response.

It is worth noting that STORM is primarily a command & control system and has limited value as a statistical tool.

Most data obtained from the system requires further analysis to establish context. In large volumes, this can be extremely difficult to do and in some cases it is not possible to filter or structure data to adequately answer a specific request.

STORM automatically captures timing data when an incident is raised and dispatched.

The arrival of a resource at the locus of an incident is recorded via a manual process and as a result is open to error.

The most common method of marking 'At Scene' is for officers to select a hotkey on their airwave device.

This is often overlooked, particularly when officers arrive at the scene of a dynamic incident.

Controllers are able to manually update the status of resources if required but this can naturally lead to errors in the accurate recording of the actual time of arrival.

The priority of all staff is the safe and effective management of our policing response.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee quoting the reference number given.

If you 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.pnn.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.

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