

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1657  
Date: 30 September 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.

**I have been advised to submit this freedom of information request, to have access to databases/tools pertaining to HBV where Police Scotland record data, or the processes require to flag an incident of HBV.**

**The following would aid me in my research if possible, indicating male victims from 2019 to 2022 (with the acceptance of the request to review (specific name) details):**

- **Crime Reports pertaining to HBV**
- **Specialist Crime Division database: incidence of HBV**
- **Scottish Intelligence Database: incidences of HBV**
- **Vulnerable Persons Database: incidences of HBV**
- **Operating procedure for Honour Based Abuse Guidance**
- **Training manual for handling HBV cases, identification tools**
- **Witness and Victim Care database : incidences of HBV**
  - **Access to (specific name) case**

Following discussions with you, you advised that the following would be acceptable:

**The total number of incidents on the Interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD) that have a marked for Honour Based Abuse (HBA) for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22, broken down by year and by gender of the victim.**

In response to your request please see the table below.

<b>Honour Based Abuse iVPD records split by gender of the victim</b>			
<b>Period: 01 January 2019 - 31 August 2022</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Total relevant iVPD records</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
2019	99	7	96
2020	123	7	123
2021	108	4	107
2022	26	0	27

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For the purposes of accuracy, the figures were extracted from the iVPD database and manually examined to determine their relevance to Honour Based Abuse (HBA) and provide a gender breakdown.

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

The manner in which iVPD records are created means that more than one victim can be linked to a specific incident.

Additionally, please note that this data is collated from the Police Scotland iVPD system, which has an automated weeding and retention policy in-built. I have attached a link to the records retention policy in order to assist.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/nhobty5i/record-retention-sop.pdf>

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.police.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.