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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.

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

1) Total number of vans stolen in 2020

2) Total number of vans stolen in 2021

Notes:

- **Vehicle type: van, light van, panel van, car derived van**
- **Please include these crime types, or similar – basically any offence where vans have been stolen (including Home Office Offence Classification Index codes):**
 - **48 - Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle**
 - **37/2 - Aggravated vehicle taking**

3) Total number of offences involving tool theft in 2020 and the total value of the items stolen

4) Total number of offences involving tool theft in 2021 and the total value of the items stolen

Notes:

- **Item stolen (or similar): Tools power, tools sundry, tools hand**
- **Please include these crime types, or similar – basically any offence where tools are stolen (including Home Office Offence Classification Index codes):**
 - **28E - Burglary – Residential**
 - **28G - Distraction burglary – Residential**
 - **29A - Aggravated burglary in a dwelling**
 - **30C - Burglary - Business and Community**
 - **31A - Aggravated burglary - Business and Community**
 - **34A - Robbery of business property**
 - **34B - Robbery of personal property**
 - **39 - Theft from the person**
 - **40 - Theft in a dwelling other than from an automatic machine or meter**
 - **45 - Theft from vehicle**
 - **49 - Other theft**

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Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I must first of all advise you that Home Office Offence Classifications apply to England and Wales only, they do not extend to Scotland.

As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification and are not thereafter sub-categorised by vehicle type, or type of property stolen.

As such, I would be unable to provide you with an accurate response with the equivalent Scottish offence classifications as case by case research would be required - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the £600 cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

General statistics for all theft related offences can be found on the Police Scotland website:-

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

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.