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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.

**I am writing to request information on police investigation lengths:**

**1. For crimes closed in each year (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021) with the outcome “investigation complete (no suspect identified)”, how long on average did the investigation last from the time the crime was recorded to the point the investigation closed. Please give the breakdown for the following crimes:**

- a) Residential burglary**
- b) Business burglary**
- c) Theft from the person**
- d) Bicycle theft**
- e) Theft of a vehicle**
- f) Theft from a vehicle**

**2. For the crime of residential burglary, how many crimes included a visit to the property which was reported to have been burgled. Please supply the data for 2017-2021 inclusive and the overall number of residential burglaries reported in each year.**

In response to your request, I can advise you that Home office classifications are not used in Scotland and there are no equivalent recording categories. In Scotland crimes are never marked closed/complete but are recorded/detected.

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.

You may find our published crime statistics useful: [How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at [foidundee@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foidundee@scotland.police.uk) 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

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[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.

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