| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-2860  Responded to: 24th November 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like the following information for the period 2022-2023

## 1. The number of bouncers or security staff for pubs, bars, clubs etc involved in assault including physical, sexual, serious, aggravated etc

## 2. The location of the incidents

## 3. The result of the altercations e.g was the victims seriously harmed, taken to hospital etc

## 4. The age, gender, ethnicity of the victims and security personnel

## 5. How many had charges pressed against them and what was the result of the charges e.g in court

In response to these questions, 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, ‘occupation’ of an individual is not a mandatory field on Police Scotland’s crime recording systems and may only be recorded where relevant. Our crime recording systems also have no facility whereby the occupation of the accused can be easily extracted.

The only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to individually examine all relevant offences for the time period requested to establish the Accused’s details and other information required. As illustrated by our [published statistics](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/), this would involve case by case assessment of thousands of crime reports - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.