| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0874  Responded to: 21 April 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to ask that you please disclose details of the figures and details of reports and cases your force has dealt with year by year from 2019-2023 regarding street begging and roughs sleeping.

## Please state the year and the outcome of the report/case.

In response to your request, I can advise you that while incidents and crimes are of course classified, none of the classifications directly align to the terminology used in Scotland. I can further advise you that neither begging nor rough sleeping are criminal offences.

I can also advise you that any potentially relevant incidents/ crimes would be recorded under more generic classifications and 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.

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.