| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-2720Responded to: 24 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## We would like to know:

## The number of soil samples that your force analysed and sent for analysis, each year from 2015, the last 10 years

## The number of sediment/rock samples that your force analysed and sent for analysis, each year from 2015, the last 10 years

## What analyses/techniques were used on the sediment, soil and rock samples dated back to 2015, the last 10 years

## The cost of all above analyses to the force

Forensics is the responsibility of the Scottish Police Authority as such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

You may wish to redirect this request to the SPA at the following link:

[Freedom of Information | Scottish Police Authority](https://www.spa.police.uk/what-we-do/public-body-duties/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/)

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 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 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.