| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1875  Responded to: 25 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding convictions related to 'crash for cash' insurance scams within your jurisdiction. Please provide the following data for the period January 2020 – December 2024.

## Please provide the total number of convictions for offences where the primary modus operandi was identified as a 'crash for cash' insurance scam (e.g., staged road traffic collisions, induced collisions, or ghost collisions for fraudulent insurance claims). This should include convictions for offences such as, but not limited to, fraud by false representation (Fraud Act 2006, Section 2) or conspiracy to defraud.

## It is understood that 'crash for cash' may not be a distinct statistical category within your records. If direct figures are not available, please provide data for the closest relevant offence categories where this type of fraud was the identified underlying activity. The request seeks aggregated, anonymised statistical data, not personal details.

Police Scotland does not hold criminal conviction/ prosecution data and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and/ or the Scottish Courts Service.

In an effort to be of assistance, I can advise that recorded and detected crime statistics for Scotland can be found online [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/). This data, however, does not reflect convictions which, as stated above, is not information held by Police Scotland.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.