

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2238
Date: 11 November 2022



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.

a) the total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022) under the following HO Codes: 8L, 8M, 88, 8R, and 8U.

Please would you send me

For HO code, 8L

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8M

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 88

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8R

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8U

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

b) As above, but broken down month

For HO code, 8L

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8M

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 88

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8R

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8U

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

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Note: please only include reports for both A and B if they include one or more of the following key words: “air tag” “tracker” “smart tag” “tracking device” “Bluetooth tracker” “tile pro” “Chipolo CARD Spot” “Jiobit smart tag” “Samsung galaxy smart tag” “electronic tag” “tagging device”

c) the total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022) under the following HO Codes: 8L, 8M, 88, 8R, and 8U.

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For HO code, 8L

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8M

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 88

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8R

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8U

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

d) As above, but broken down month

For HO code, 8L

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8M

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 88

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8R

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8U

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

Further correspondence: I appreciate I have requested the full calendar year 2022, I would like to correct this now and request information to date and the breakdown of months Jan - Oct (to date)

Furthermore, in light of other forces request to clarify A and B: reports with ALL key words. B and C reports with only the 3 key words in the notes: this is to compare all reports with reports only concerning apple.

In response to your request, I can advise you that Police Scotland record crimes using the Scottish Government Justice Department crime classification codes rather than Home Office classifications. 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.

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However, I can advise you that I have considered your request and in terms of the Act, 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.

By way of explanation it is not possible to carry out keyword searches in relation to crime reports, therefore each and every one would have to be examined to establish relevancy - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at 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 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 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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