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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of reported incidents related to photographers/videographers that have been prohibited from shooting/filming in local public areas during each of the following years: 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 in your areas of operation.

## Can you please also provide the number of reported incidents involving specifically the use of indecent public photography or filming taking place between 2020-2023 (to date) in your areas of operation.

Having considered your request 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.

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, there is no incident recording classifications that align to your request. Incidents such as these could be recorded as a disturbance, sexual incident etc. and therefore each potentially relevant incident would have to be read to establish whether relevant to your request. To illustrate the numbers potentially involved, our published crime statistics as at Q4 of [2022/23](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/svplwv3q/management-information-force-report-quarter-4-2022-23.xlsx) shows that there were 77, 773 recorded incidents classified as disturbance. Therefore this is an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

You may be interested in the following: [disclosure-log-august/22-1519-sop-guidance-public-space-photography/](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/disclosure-log-2022/august/22-1519-sop-guidance-public-space-photography/)

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.