| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-1784  Responded to: xx July 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Under the Freedom of Information Act I am kindly requesting the following information (using \* Co-op, Coop, Co-op Group, Co-operative, Co-operative Group)

## In 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (to March); (a) how many incidents at a Co-op\* store have been reported to the Police Scotland and (b) how many times have the Police Scotland attended in person to an incident reported to them at a Co-op\* store?

Having considered your request in terms of the above 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, the crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility whereby specific premises such as shops can be automatically identified, nor is there a facility which allows for a search to be carried out by locus type.

As such, case by case assessment of all relevant offences, for the time period specified, would be required to allow us to establish the locus of the offence.

If you can provide a list of addresses you are interested in, we may be able to assist.

(c) How many people have been charged to court having committed an offence at a Co-op\* store?  
Police Scotland does not hold prosecution information. 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.

You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) which holds conviction information for Scotland. A request can be submitted to COPFS via email using the following address [foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk)

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.