| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1225Responded to: 25 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to inquire about data regarding reports of 'cum tributes'\*.**

**Can you please share with me a breakdown of data contained in reported incidents (eg in STORM's database) which contain the phrase 'cum tribute' from 01/01/2025 to 13/04/2025.**

**Can you do the same for the time periods of 01/01/2024-31/12/2024, 01/01/2023-31/12/2023, 01/01/2022-31/12/2022, 01/01/2021-31/12/2021 and 01/01/2020-31/12/2020.**

**Please can you also share the gender and the ages of those who reported and those who were arrested and/or charged.**

**Please share your findings that are completed within the time and spending allocation given.**

**\*By 'cum tribute' I refer to 'the sexual activity that consists of ejaculating on a portrait, and then recording the portrait and the semen together'. Often cum tributes are posted online to forums and groups.**

I must stress that Police Scotland do not consider keyword searches for specific words/ phrases to be an accurate means of analysis.

There may have been incidents of relevance to your request which do not include the specific word/ phrase that you have listed.

Similarly, spelling errors can skew the results of any analysis based on the presence of keywords.

It would however be nigh on impossible to come up with a list of comprehensive search terms - hence why we would not recommend the approach.

Although the phrase appears in an incident report, it cannot be assumed on that basis that the incident was directly related to the subject matter as per the context of your request.

For the reasons above, we would therefore take the view that the data below does not accurately reflect the prevalence of ‘cum tribute’ type incidents.

I can confirm the necessary checks have been carried out on incidents recorded on STORM containing the keywords ‘cum tribute’ for the period 1 January 2020 to 13 April 2025. The search returned one incident that was recorded in March 2020.

This incident was reported by a female aged 18.

I can confirm no crime was established.

Please also note the following caveats:

*All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 25th June 2025.
Data was extracted using the incident's raised date from the Storm UNITY database.
The keyword/ phrase "cum tribute" was searched for in the description (incident short description overview) and the wider comment updates within the comments180 table (effectively the incident log).*

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](https://www.foi.scot/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.