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

## Please can you provide me with the number of Senior Investigating Officers (SIOs) in all Divisional Rape Investigation Units and Domestic Abuse Investigation Units within Police Scotland, broken down by division.

Several divisions throughout the force have public protection units which cover both domestic abuse and rape investigations. Due to the omnicompetent nature of the units we are unable to collate the requested data accurately.

As such, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

## Please can you provide me with a figure for the number of SIO-led rape and serious sexual assault investigations these SIOs are dealing with, broken down by division.

## Please can you provide me with the highest number of rape/serious sexual assaults investigations sitting with an individual SIO and in which division.

The only way to obtain this information accurately is to manually review each individual sexual offence case across each division within the force to identify relevance to incidents of rape and sexual assault. This is clearly an exercise that will exceed the cost limits outlined within the Act.

As such, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To be of assistance I can confirm that all rape cases are SIO led

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.