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

## For the 20/21, 21/22, [22/23], 23/24 and 24/25 year periods: On how many occasions have officers from Police Scotland’s Counter Terrorism Unit been deployed to an incident, which was then treated as a 'malicious call'?

## Please could this information be broken down by year.

Firstly, it is important to note that Counter Terrorism (CT) investigations are a reactive function to investigations of serious crime.

Accordingly, where an incident has been reported to Police Scotland, first responders would attend and assess the incidents are either credible or malicious. Therefore, CT Officers would not ordinarily be deployed to an incident that is *then* treated as a ‘Malicious Call’.

As such, unfortunately the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

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.

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If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.