| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1121  Responded to: 24 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Q1) For the previous 10 calendar years, please provide the total number of recorded crimes which have been flagged as domestic-abuse related incidents (ie. have met the cross-government definition of domestic violence and abuse) reported by young people, broken down by the following age groups:

## 1) Under 18

## 2) 18-24

## 3) 25-30

## NB: the cross-government definition of Domestic violence and abuse: "any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to: psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional."

## Please provide this data for each year:

## a) 2015

## b) 2016

## c) 2017

## d) 2018

## e) 2019

## f) 2020

## g) 2021

## h) 2022

## i) 2023

## j) 2024

## k) 2025 – latest available data

## Q2) Of the reports cited in answer to Q1, please provide the number of cases that resulted in:

## 1) An arrest

## 2) A charge

## 3) A prosecution

## 4) A conviction

## Please provide this data for each year:

## a) 2015

## b) 2016

## c) 2017

## d) 2018

## e) 2019

## f) 2020

## g) 2021

## h) 2022

## i) 2023

## j) 2024

## k) 2025 – latest available data

## Q3) For the previous 10 calendar years, please provide the total number of coercive or controlling behaviour offences reported by young people, also broken down by the following age groups. Please search for this data using the terms ‘coercive control’ and crimes alleged under Home Office code 008/67.

## Under 18

## 18-24

## 25-30

## Please provide this data for each year:

## a) 2015

## b) 2016

## c) 2017

## d) 2018

## e) 2019

## f) 2020

## g) 2021

## h) 2022

## i) 2023

## j) 2024

## k) 2025 – latest available data

## Q4) Of the coercive and controlling behaviour reports cited in answer to Q3, please provide the number of cases that resulted in:

## 1) An arrest

## 2) A charge

## 3) A prosecution

## 4) A conviction

## Please provide this data for each year:

## a) 2015

## b) 2016

## c) 2017

## d) 2018

## e) 2019

## f) 2020

## g) 2021

## h) 2022

## i) 2023

## j) 2024

## k) 2025 – latest available data

## Q5) If available, please provide a breakdown of the most common reasons why domestic abuse and coercive control cases did not proceed to charge (e.g., lack of evidence, victim withdrawal).

## Q6) Finally can you please attach MO codes for the calendar year 2024 for domestic abuse-related offences involving alleged victims under 30? I accept redactions may need to be made to remove personal information.

Police Scotland defines domestic abuse as:

“Any form of physical, verbal, sexual, psychological or financial abuse which might amount to criminal conduct, and which takes place within the context of a relationship. The relationship will be between partners (married, cohabiting, civil partnership or otherwise) or ex-partners. The abuse may be committed in the home or elsewhere including online"  
The definition differs significantly from the definition of Domestic Violence in England and Wales which includes wider familial abuse e.g. from parents or children etc.  
On that basis, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Please also note that Police Scotland do not use Home Office crime classifications or outcomes, and we are unable to provide any data as regards prosecutions or convictions.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

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