| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0469  Responded to: 24 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **What are the most common crimes you observe in the area of Knightswood?**

You later clarified that the area you are requesting information for is the multi member ward area of Garscadden/Scotstounhill.

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies: “Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available: [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

1. **What is the major demographic of people in Knightswood committing these crimes (e.g. age, gender, etc.)**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request.

To provide this would require us to look through every incident to identify the data requested. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

1. **What is the rate of drug abuse and the rate of alcohol abuse in the area of Knightswood?**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. We do not hold information on alcohol or drug abuse- the NHS may be a better source for that data.

1. **What is the rate of domestic abuse in the area of Knightswood?**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies: “Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

You can search the excel spreadsheet and filter the data to ‘domestic’ only.

1. **Is vandalism a big problem in the area of Knightswood?**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies: “Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

You can search the excel spreadsheet and filter the data to ‘vandalism’ only.

1. **What are the major issues in the area of Knightswood and do you think there are any changes that could be made to solve these issues?**
2. **Have social services had an impact on the area of Knightswood?**
3. **Do mental health issues impact a large portion of the community in Knightswood and if so, does this have an impact on the community?**

In relation to questions 6, 7 and 8, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. As you may be aware, the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 provides a right of access to recorded information only. We are unable to offer comment or opinion on particular matters other than where those are already specifically captured - for example in force guidance or policy documents.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.