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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

I am requesting the following, all separated by year, from the years 2011 - 2021:

1.A. The number of cases of reports of rape in Scotland. If you require [crime codes](#), please refer to codes 14000, 14001, 14002, 14003, 14004, 14005, 14006, 15000, 15001, 15002, 15003, 15004, 15005, and 15006.

In response to this question, please see the following tables which include data for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2021 (Calendar Years):

Recorded Specific Group 2 Crimes, Police Scotland

Crime/Offence	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Rape (common law, pre SOSA 2009)	391	353	521	534	494	475	472	437	486	364	345
Rape - M (16+)	19	28	19	15	35	37	51	42	52	36	51
Rape - F (16+)	551	602	866	862	898	909	1168	1249	1350	1336	1492
Rape - M (13-15)	7	9	10	9	21	13	8	20	19	18	15
Rape - F (13-15)	131	138	182	189	197	189	199	306	276	216	287
Rape - M (< 13)	19	27	17	34	20	42	50	33	47	49	31
Rape - F (< 13)	63	63	60	124	95	76	98	148	120	101	137
Assault with Intent to rape or ravish (common law, pre SOSA 2009)	28	23	37	23	42	33	38	21	22	36	22
Assault wi Rape - M (16+)	3	6	0	1	4	1	4	5	5	3	6
Assault wi Rape - F (16+)	57	51	67	53	54	60	61	72	74	71	69
Assault wi Rape - M (13-15)	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	2
Assault wi Rape - F (13-15)	2	8	9	10	8	13	12	12	19	12	12
Assault wi Rape - M (< 13)	1	0	1	3	1	3	8	2	3	3	3
Assault wi Rape - F (< 13)	2	1	3	5	11	7	8	4	15	11	8
TOTAL	1274	1310	1793	1862	1881	1860	2177	2351	2489	2258	2480

Detected Specific Group 2 Crimes, Police Scotland

Crime/Offence	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Rape (common law, pre SOSA 2009)	225	211	372	363	387	321	251	240	246	223	207
Rape - M (16+)	11	13	9	5	21	21	32	19	31	13	25
Rape - F (16+)	303	371	602	579	666	534	635	622	673	773	785
Rape - M (13-15)	1	6	9	5	15	7	5	11	8	13	12
Rape - F (13-15)	77	96	120	145	154	132	125	190	146	156	147
Rape - M (< 13)	13	20	15	30	13	26	32	21	25	30	17
Rape - F (< 13)	39	47	52	88	81	54	57	59	54	58	67
Assault with Intent to rape or ravish (common law, pre SOSA 2009)	24	17	25	23	32	21	18	20	17	18	16
Assault wi Rape - M (16+)	1	2	1	1	2	2	0	3	6	1	2
Assault wi Rape - F (16+)	43	33	51	51	41	42	35	43	38	41	50
Assault wi Rape - M (13-15)	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	1
Assault wi Rape - F (13-15)	3	7	7	7	6	8	8	9	10	11	5
Assault wi Rape - M (< 13)	0	0	1	3	0	1	4	3	2	2	2
Assault wi Rape - F (< 13)	2	1	1	4	8	6	7	4	11	7	3
TOTAL	742	824	1266	1304	1427	1176	1210	1244	1267	1349	1339

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 7th January 2022.

The Recorded Crimes are extracted using the Date Raised and the Detected Crimes are extracted using the Date Detected.

1.B. The number of cases of reports of rape that led to a conviction. If you require [crime codes](#), please refer to codes 14000, 14001, 14002, 14003, 14004, 14005, 14006, 15000, 15001, 15002, 15003, 15004, 15005, and 15006.

Police Scotland does not hold conviction information.

As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) which holds conviction information for Scotland.

A request can be submitted to COPFS via email using the following address foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk

You also may be interested in the following:

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/criminal-proceedings-in-scotland/>

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1.C. The number of cases of reports of rape where complaints were dropped within one month. If you require [crime codes](#), please refer to codes 14000, 14001, 14002, 14003, 14004, 14005, 14006, 15000, 15001, 15002, 15003, 15004, 15005, and 15006.

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1.D. The number of cases of reports of rape where complaints were dropped within one year. If you require [crime codes](#), please refer to codes 14000, 14001, 14002, 14003, 14004, 14005, 14006, 15000, 15001, 15002, 15003, 15004, 15005, and 15006.

Having considered these questions in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to read each and every relevant crime report detailed in question 1A to establish whether or not the victim disengaged with the process during the investigation.

Given the volume of reports this is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foidundee@scotland.pnn.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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