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

## Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information individually for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (1st January – 30th June.)

## Also I would like the numbers broken down into individuals and companies:

## 1a) How many incidents were reported specifically concerning a funeral? [….]

## 2a) How many incidents were reported specifically concerning a burial? [….]

## 3a) How many incidents were reported specifically concerning a cremation application? [….]

## 4a) How many incidents were reported specifically concerning a cremation? [….]

Having considered your request 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, there are no markers etc. on any of our crime recording systems to indicate whether an offence related to funeral arrangements. Therefore the only way to establish the locus would be to examine all potential crimes for the period requested. As such this an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To give you some idea of the scope of such a challenge, there were over 4000 reported crimes of Fraud alone, recorded in each of 2021/22 and 2022/23.

You can access our published crime statistics via the following link: [How we are performing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/)

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.