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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 have just read your Q2 performance report. In the document, it states that hate crimes relating to sexual orientation have increased to 846.**

**I would like to request more detail on the hate crimes. I would like to ask if I can be told which number of these 846 were violent crimes, which number were non violent and which number had a sexual element.**

Please see the table below for the data that you require. Please be advised that the total figure below within the table shows an additional 45 crimes. This may be due to crimes that have been reported retrospectively, alternatively it may be that additional offences have been identified since the initial report.

I would ask that you also note the caveats provided below the table.

<b>Title: Recorded Hate Crime (with a Sexual Orientation Aggravator), Broken By Crime Bulletin Category, Police Scotland <sup>1,2,3</sup></b>	
<b>Period: 1st April 2021 - 30th September 2021</b>	
<b>Crime/Offence</b>	<b>No</b>
Serious Assault (incl. culpable & reckless conduct - causing injury)	2
Group 2 - Sexual Crimes	10
Common theft	1
Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)	17
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)	1
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*	1
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	1
Bail offences (other than absconding)	2
Other Group 5 crimes	4
Common Assault	80
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	3
Breach of the Peace	5
Threatening and abusive behaviour	682

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Stalking	4
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct	20
Other Group 6 offences	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>

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 14th February 2022.

1. The data was extracted from the Scomis Database.

2. The data was extracted from the iVPD database using the incident's raised date and selecting hate crimes which include at least one sexual orientation aggravator.

3. As there can be multiple aggravators attached to a hate crime, the total number of aggravators will not reflect the number of unique hate crimes. Please note, there may be other aggravators recorded against the hate crimes displayed in Table1, in addition to sexual orientation.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.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](mailto: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.