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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.

- **The number of restraining orders, non-molestation orders, domestic violence protection notices/orders that were issued/granted for domestic violent/abuse incidents including stalking and harassment, in each of the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.**
- **The number of breaches of restraining orders, non-molestation orders, domestic violence protection notices/orders for domestic violent/abuse incidents including stalking and harassment, in each of the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.**
- **The number of arrests, convictions and sentences for breaching restraining orders, non-molestation orders, domestic violence protection notices/orders for domestic violent/abuse incidents including stalking and harassment, in each of the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.**
- **The number of reported domestic violence incidents following breaches to restraining orders, non-molestation orders, domestic violence protection notices and orders for domestic violent/abuse including stalking and harassment, in each of the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.**
- **How many domestic homicides involved previous breaches of restraining orders, non-molestation orders, domestic violence protection notices and orders for domestic violent/abuse including stalking and harassment involving the same offender and complainant/victim?**

**Please give figures for each of the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Please breakdown the number and type of breaches by domestic homicide case.**

In response to your request, please be advised that Scotland do not have restraining orders, non-molestation orders, domestic violence protection notices etc.

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.

There are various orders available in Scotland but they are granted by the Courts and not by the Police Service.

If it would be of interest to you, we could provide crime statistics relating to individuals breaching various orders – see Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD) Group 5 crime classification 35/12 onwards:-

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[Recorded crime in Scotland: classification of crimes and offences - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/Recorded-crime-in-Scotland-classification-of-crimes-and-offences)  
([www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot))

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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.