| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-0210  Responded to: 02 February 2024 |
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## Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many suspicious parcels were reported to your police force from January 1st 2023 – January 1st 2024? This might include:

## Parcels with protruding wires, aluminium foil, or oil stains

## Parcels emitting a peculiar odour

## Greasy or oily patches on the package

## Packages sealed in such a way so as to encourage opening the package at a particular end

## Unusually printed address that might include spelling errors

## Adverse physical reaction to the handling of the package – e.g., itching or irritation

## No return address or return address that cannot be verified

## Unusual postmark or no postmark

## 2. Of these, how many suspicious parcels were reported from a business address? How many were reported from a home address?

## 3. If possible, can you provide a month by month breakdown of the number of suspicious parcels reported (from any address).

## 4. In total, how many of the suspicious parcels reported to any address from January 1st 2023 – January 1st 2024 actually contained a hazardous, dangerous, or illegal item? This might include:

## Substances and objects which may explode

## Gases which have been compressed, liquefied, or dissolved under pressure

## Flammable liquids and solids

## Biological substances

## Asbestos

## Controlled drugs and narcotics

## Corrosives

## Live creatures, insects, and invertebrates

## Waste, dirt, filth, or refuse

## Weapons and sharp objects

## Poisons, toxic liquids, solids, and gases

## Obscene publications or unlawful indecent images

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, Police Scotland is a huge organisation with premises spread all across Scotland.  There is no centralised process or recording system.  Mail is managed in accordance with local procedures and the research involved in researching your request is therefore assessed to be extensive.​

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.