| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-1428  Responded to: 6 July 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1. For each of the last three complete calendar years, please provide the number of compensation claims brought against Police Scotland. Specify the number relating to assaults by officers.

The total numbers of claims (including Employer Liability, Public Liability and MLC) for the relevant periods are provided below:

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| **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| 333 | 352 | 254 |

Further, in those periods total claims for assaults by police officers are as follows:

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| **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| 7 | 4 | 4 |

## 2. For the same period, please provide the number that were dismissed for being out of time.

In accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, the requested information cannot be electronically extracted from our recording systems. To provide this information we would require to physically examine all files held to determine whether the claim was rejected and the reasons for that rejection.

Given the number of files, this task would take more than 40 hours and this is in excess of the cost limits prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

## 3. Please provide details of the training provided to officers relating to data protection requirements in (i) 2014 and (ii) 2023.

Clarification

## Information on data protection training for the whole of Scotland; and 2. Information on data protection for Strathclyde Police only (a specific legacy force).

All officers and staff, from legacy forces and Police Scotland, had/have access to Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) which are published on the Police Scotland intranet and provide guidance.

In relation to data protection in 2014, staff had access to Strathclyde Police Data Protection SOP (version 2.0 dated 2009). I have attached separately (23-1428 Data 1) which provides a copy of this document.

This version was utilised within the legacy Strathclyde Police and was in effect until the Police Scotland version was implemented in 2014.

The Police Scotland Data Protection SOP, version 1.00, was implemented in 2014 and is attached (23-1428 Data 2).

I have also provided is a copy of the current Police Scotland Data Protection SOP, version 8.00 (23-1428 Data 3)

Finally, I can advise that in 2013/2014 officers also used an online training platform to complete data protection training and I have provided (23-1428 Data 4) a screenshot of the table of contents for this course.

Currently, officers are required to undertake and successfully complete annual data protection refresher training via the Moodle online platform. The role each officer undertakes will determine what specific Moodle data protection course they will be required to complete. For Operational officers the course is the “Data Protection Refresher for Police and Operational Staff”. There are also specific courses as follows:

Data Protection Refresher for Facilities Management Staff;

Data Protection Refresher for Information Asset Owners;

Data Protection Refresher for Information Management Staff;

Data Protection Refresher for Non-Operational Staff;

Data Protection Refresher for Professional Standards Department and Anti-Corruption Unit.

## 4. In each of the last three full calendar years, please provide the number of officers and staff found to have used police computer systems without a proper policing purpose.

I have provided below the number of occasions a user accessed a Police Scotland computer system without a proper policing purpose. Data is provided for the last three complete years.

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| **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| 19 | 30 | 11 |

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.