| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1443  Responded to: 23 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1.  The number of requests your police force has made to dating app or dating website platforms (e.g., Tinder, Bumble, Grindr, Hinge, Plenty of Fish, Match.com, Feeld, etc.) regarding investigations or incidents, for each of the past two calendar years (e.g., 2023 and 2024).**

**2. For each year, please break down the number of requests by platform, if recorded.**

**3. If available, please also provide a brief description of the types of incidents that led to the requests (e.g., sexual assault, fraud, harassment), noting that no personally identifiable information is requested.**

**If it would reduce the cost of compliance, I am happy to receive data limited to the top five most-requested platforms or responses disregarding the breakdown of the types of incidents. Please feel free to contact me if clarification is needed.**

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, I can advise that the information sought is not centrally recorded. All Crime Reports and associated records would need to be reviewed for relevance.  We have no flags or markers to indicate that online dating platforms were a factor in a crime report.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.