

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2733
Date: 5th January 2023



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.

1/ Monthly knife crime offences recorded within the force's jurisdiction broken down by LSOA geographical area and recorded date (and also marked whether there was a gang crime flag) from January 1st 2019 to the end of December 31st 2022.

2/ Monthly firearm offences recorded within the force's jurisdiction broken down by LSOA geographical area and recorded date (and also marked whether there was a gang crime flag) from January 1st 2019 to the end of December 31st 2022.

3/ The annual charge rate for knife crime offences (offences which have led to charges or court summons) for each of the last four calendar years (including 2022). Please also state the total number of offences and total charges/court summons for each of the four years.

Clarification - for an example of the LSOA data, please see this data published by the Metropolitan Police: https://www.met.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/metropolitan-police/disclosure_2021/january_2021/knife-crime-offences-2009-20192

In response to your request, I must first of all advise you that Police Scotland does not record crimes by LSOA, nor do we have a 'gang crime' flag/ marker on our crime recording systems.

Police Scotland also do not record charge rates etc. and 'Summons' is particular to England only.

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.

To be of some assistance however, information broken down by datazone, which is the nearest equivalent, is available in a recent FOI response:-

[22-2502 - Crime Statistics - by Data Zones/ SGJD Code - 2011 To Date - Police Scotland](#)

To view knife and firearm crime statistics, please filter column 'F' for knives and firearms.

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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 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 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.

