| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2259  Responded to: 30 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing under the Freedom of Information act to request data held on crimes investigated by your force which were flagged as Domestic Abuse (DA) related, their recorded outcome, and if a named suspect’s occupation is ‘police officer’ or related role\*, from 1 January 2021 to 30 April 2025.**

**Specifically, I request the following information, broken down by month and outcome. Please break down outcomes by HOCR type i.e. Type 1 Charged/ Summonsed, Type 2 Youth Caution, etc.**

**If for whatever reason your systems do not allow the retrieval of this data for the whole period, or doing so would exceed cost limitations, please limit your response to a reasonable time frame by starting with a more recent month.**

**If summarising totals by month is considered too detailed due to small numbers, please break down by year or just the overall total before considering suppressing figures. Please send the response in an Excel spreadsheet.**

**N.b. this request refers to crime investigations, not professional standards/ misconduct.**

**\* My understanding is that occupation recording is not standardised, therefore I request that you include job titles like ‘police officer’ / ‘serving officer’ / ‘special constable’ / specific job titles if listed i.e. ‘police constable’ or ‘police sergeant’ – but do not include civilian titles like ‘police staff’ or PCSO. I also understand that occupation may not always be recorded (see Q3).**

**Q1) All recorded crime investigations flagged as DA, total broken down by month and outcome type, 2021 to end of April 2025. Grouped by date investigation was opened.**

**Q2) Similarly, but for only those investigations where a named suspect has a recorded occupation of police officer\* (see definition above), all recorded crime investigations flagged as DA, total broken down by month and outcome type, 2021 to end of April 2025. Grouped by date investigation was opened.**

**Q3) If possible and not exceeding cost limitations please also indicate, of the total number of investigations in Q1, …**

* **The number which have at least one named suspect.**
* **The proportion of linked suspects who have any occupation recorded.**

In relation to your request, above, I must advise that the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Home Office outcome categories do not extend to Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. The information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Crime Recording Standard](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/p0nfjj2c/scottish-crime-recording-standard-crime-recording-and-counting-rules-april-2021.pdf?view=Standard) and crimes are reported as recorded or detected.

Detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

Corresponding data can be accessed online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/).

Notwithstanding, we are unable to search our systems, for the period covered by your request, on the basis that the suspect or accused linked to the crime report is a police officer.

There are no flags/ markers to indicate same, and occupation is not a mandatory field in our systems - nor is it searchable for that period.

To be of assistance, we could provide you with information about allegations of criminality against Police Scotland officers specifically - where the allegation was linked to domestic abuse.

That is because a different recording system exists in relation to allegations of that nature.  Please let us know if that would be of interest.

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.