| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2159  Responded to: 17 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request information about unnatural sexual offences recorded by police forces under the Freedom of Information Act.

## Please could you provide the number of recorded offences under Section 70 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (“sexual penetration of a corpse”) between 2020 and 2025 (if available), broken down by year.

## If it assists your search, this offence may also be referred to using terms such as necrophilia or sexual interference with a corpse. If any other offence codes or descriptions are used locally for cases involving this conduct, I would appreciate those figures being included as well.

## If possible within the cost limit, I would also be grateful for: - The outcome or disposal of each offence (e.g. charge, no further action) - Whether the victim was identified (e.g. case involving a named deceased individual vs. unknown).

The legislation referred to does not extend to Scotland and there are no comparable Scottish crime classifications.

As such, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

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.