| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0095  Responded to: 25th June 2025 |
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As requested, we have reviewed the handling of your recent FOI request in terms of section 20(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

As Police Scotland has failed to respond to your request within twenty working days, it therefore follows that in terms of section 21(4)(c), your request has not been handled in accordance with the Act.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

A response to your request is provided below:

You further clarified that the period to be covered by your request was the last 5 years.

1. **The number of STORM incidents raised by Police Scotland as a result of weapons being detected at Glasgow Airport;**

We have carried out a search of the Police Scotland STORM incident recording database for any incidents with a locus of Glasgow Airport and a disposal code assigned of ‘weapons involved’. The results are as follows:

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| **Year** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025** |
| Recorded Incidents | 1 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 1 |

*All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as at 19/03/2025.  
Data was extracted using the incident's raised date and covers the period 1 January 2020 to 28 February 2025, inclusive.  
Specified areas have been selected using the Ordnance Survey National Geographic Database.  
Error and transferred incidents have been removed.*

1. **Of the number above, how many weapons were seized and lodged for destruction;**

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) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, it would be necessary to individually examine all 95 STORM reports as well as any associated crime reports/ standard prosecution reports to establish what weapons, if any, were seized as productions as a result of these incidents.

To be of assistance however, we have sought data from colleagues in our Border Policing Command team, who collate data regarding items surrendered.

The results are as follows:

2020 - 44 (42 knife or bladed, 2 bullets)

2021 - 61 (54 knife or bladed, 4 s/g cartridges, 2 bullets, 1 other)

2022 - 158 (142 knife or bladed, 7 s/g cartridges, 3 bullets, 6 other)

2023 - 192 (175 knife or bladed, 1 spray, 1 s/g cartridges, 2 bullets, 13 other)

2024 - 232 (202 knife or bladed, 3 spray, 3 s/g cartridges, 6 bullets, 21 other)

1. **The number of STORM incidents raised by Police Scotland as a result of weapons detected at Security in Edinburgh Airport;**

We have carried out a search of the Police Scotland STORM incident recording database for any incidents with a locus of Edinburgh Airport and a disposal code assigned of ‘weapons involved’. The results are as follows:

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| **Year** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| Recorded Incidents | 3 | 3 | 20 | 19 | 12 |

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To be of assistance however, we have sought data from colleagues in our Border Policing Command team, who collate data regarding items surrendered.

The results are as follows:

2020 - 223 (181 knife or bladed, 24 spray, 12 s/g cartridges, 6 bullets)

2021 - 367 (334 knife or bladed, 16 spray, 10 s/g cartridges, 7 bullets)

2022 - 736 (633 knife or bladed, 68 spray, 6 s/g cartridges, 26 bullets, 3 other)

2023 - 1096 (904 knife or bladed, 91 spray, 22 s/g cartridges, 34 bullets, 45 other)

2024 - 1041 (871 knife or bladed, 61 spray, 13 s/g cartridges, 32 bullets, 64 other)

1. **Within the aforementioned STORM incidents, how many led to a report to the Procurator Fiscal recommending prosecution.**

Again, in researching this part of your request, we have sought data from colleagues in our Border Policing Command team, who collate such data. The results are as follows:

Glasgow Airport

2020 - 1 S47 Criminal Law Consolidation (Scotland) Act (CLCSA)

2021 - 2 1 x S47 CLCSA, 1 x S5 Firearms

2022 - 5 1 x S47 CLCSA, 3 x S49 CLCSA 1 x S5 Firearms

2023 - 23 4 x S47 CLCSA, 19 x S49 CLCSA

2024 - 22 8 x S47 CLCSA, 12 x S49 CLCSA 2 x S5 Firearms

Edinburgh Airport

2023 - 15 3 x S47 CLCSA, 12 S49 CLCSA

2024 - 22 16 x S47 CLCSA, 5 x S49 CLCSA 1 x S5 Firearms

Data for 2020 - 2022 inclusive, in relation to Edinburgh Airport, is not specifically held by our Border Policing Command team and so we have reviewed the 26 STORM reports for that period and cross referenced the name of the party involved with our Standard Prosecution Database.

On that basis, I can advise that there were 4 reports submitted to the Procurator Fiscal:

2020 – 2 x S47 CLCSA

2022 – 2 x S47 CLCSA

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.