| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1046  Responded to: 4 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**The number of cannabis factories found in your area in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.**

**I would like to define a cannabis factory as: ‘any property that is being used for the purpose to grow/cultivate cannabis plants, whether there is 1 plant or thousands of plants.’**

**I would like to know the largest number of cannabis plants found in a single property.**

**I would like to know the location (street name) of the property where the largest number of cannabis plants were found in a single property.**

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.

The relevant offence is ‘production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs’, however the classification is not thereafter sub-categorised by drug type. ​

Regardless of the definition provided, all such crime reports would have to be reviewed in the first instance to determine whether they related to cannabis or some other drug type.

Data for the crime classification is available online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

**I would like to know how many convictions have occurred because of the discovery of a cannabis factory.**

**I would like to know where these convictions took place.**

Conviction information is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies - you may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

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.