| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1218  Responded to: 12 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. The number of sheep worry reports made across the last two years.**

**2. How many sheep worrying reports made across the last two years have resulted in injury or death of sheep?**

**4. How many livestock worrying reports made across the last two years have resulted in injury or death of livestock?**

In accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, the above requested information cannot be electronically extracted from our recording systems. To provide this information we would have to review in excess of 300 crime reports and associated records to establish the type of livestock involved and whether the incident resulted in injury or death.

Accordingly, this task would take in excess of the 40 hours and £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

**3. The overall number of livestock worrying reports made across the last two years.**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) is applicable:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it is exempt information”

Information is publicly available at [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)​ and the relevant crime classification is protection of livestock from dogs.

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.