| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1848  Responded to: 1st July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## For each calendar year from 2015 - 2024 (or most recent available), please provide the following:

## 1. The total number of rape or attempted rape incidents reported to Police Scotland

## 2. The number of cases where a suspect was identified and charged

## 3. The number of reports submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for prosecution

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) exemption applies:

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

However, to be of assistance, I can advise you that the information sought is publicly available on the Police Scotland website ([How we are performing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/)). I can thus refer you to both our ‘recorded’ and ‘detected’ crime statistics, which are available broken down by Multi-Member Ward areas, with the most recent figures due to be updated in the next few weeks:

[Crime data - Police Scotland​](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/" \t "_blank)

In this instance, it is important to note that ‘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.

## 4. The number of cases classed as “no further action” or where the complainer withdrew

In response to this question, unfortunately, I regret to inform you that I estimate 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) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, I can advise that we are unable to automatically extract the level of detail you requested from every relevant sexual assault crime report – i.e. outcome of case (“no further action”, no longer wished to proceed etc.). Therefore, the only way to provide an accurate and consistent response would be to conduct a manual case-by-case review of each report of sexual assault relating to rape/ attempted rape to ascertain the course of action taken either by the Police or the complainer. Given the volume of reports that would be required to be read through for the year period specified, this exercise would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.