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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the enforcement of coercive and controlling behaviour legislation under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015, and subsequent updates under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. Please provide the following data for each calendar year from 2019 to 2024 inclusive: 1. The number of recorded offences of coercive and controlling behaviour where it was listed as the principal offence. 2. The number of individuals charged with coercive and controlling behaviour. 3. The number of cases that proceeded to prosecution. 4. The number of resulting convictions where coercive control was the principal offence. 5. The number of cases closed with “No Further Action” (NFA) and, if held, the number where victim withdrawal was cited as the reason.

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

By way of explanation, I can advise that Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 does not extend to Scotland, nor does the majority of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

However, you may be interested in Police Scotland’s Domestic Abuse Investigation Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to understand how the Force addresses such offences:

[Domestic Abuse Investigation SOP - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/fuaflohy/domestic-abuse-investigation-sop.pdf)

## 6. Has your force made use of Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs) or MAPPA provisions in relation to coercive control cases? Please provide counts if available.

While the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 was passed in 2021, Part 1 concerning Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs) and Domestic Abuse Protection Notices (DAPNs) is not yet operational within the Force. However, the Scottish Government is working on the details of this implementation.

To be of assistance, data regarding domestic abuse is available on the Police Scotland website via our quarterly reports below:

[How We Are Performing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/)

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.