| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1612  Responded to: 18 July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many rapes and sexual offences have taken place in Taxis or equivalents (for instances Ubers) in 2023?

## If you can:

## It would be appreciated if you can split total sexual offences and then specifically rapes

## If you could also split the columns into general cabs and specifically Ubers that would be great!

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) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, the locus would be recorded as the street where the taxi was at the time of the offence, with no markers etc. to indicate that the offence occurred within the taxi itself.

Similarly, the crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility whereby the occupation of the accused/ suspect can be easily extracted, nor is it possible to carry out a search by occupation.

The only possible way to provide an accurate response to your request, would be to carry out case by case assessment of all sexual offences, for the time period requested, to establish the circumstances.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.