| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-2076Responded to: 24th July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many incidents involving vandalism or criminal damage targeting public EV charge points were recorded by your force for each of the following years:

## • 2022

## • 2023

## • 2024

## • 2025 (to date)

**2. How many incidents involving theft targeting public EV charge points were recorded by your force for each of the following years:**

**• 2022**

**• 2023**

**• 2024**

**• 2025 (to date)**

**3. For the incidents identified in questions 1 and 2, how many led to:**

**• Investigations being opened**

**• Arrests being made**

**• Charges or prosecutions**

**4. What was the total amount of fines issued in relation to these offences – please break down for the years:**

**• 2022**

**• 2023**

**• 2024**

**• 2025 (to date)**

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 search the Police Scotland incident recording systems to extract incident data based on the use of a general locus, in this case: “EV charge points”. There are no relevant markers available on our incident recording systems, nor is there a search facility available, which would allow for the automatic retrieval of this level of locus information from any relevant reports.

Therefore, the only way to provide an accurate and consistent response to your request would be to manually review each report relating to both theft and vandalism from January 1st, 2022, onwards case-by-case to ascertain whether the incident occurred at an electric car charging point. Unfortunately, given the volume of reports that would be required to be read through for that nearly four-year period requested, 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 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 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.