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

Tackling domestic abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and we are committed to working with our partners to reduce the harm it causes and ultimately eradicate it.

Domestic abuse is a despicable and debilitating crime which affects all of our communities and has no respect for ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, religion or sexual orientation.

Police Scotland will not tolerate it.

Police Scotland will proactively target perpetrators and support victims to prevent domestic abuse from damaging the lives of victims and their families.

Police Scotland defines domestic abuse as:

“Any form of physical, verbal, sexual, psychological or financial abuse which might amount to criminal conduct and which takes place within the context of a relationship. The relationship will be between partners (married, cohabiting, civil partnership or otherwise) or ex-partners. The abuse may be committed in the home or elsewhere including online”

Please note that the definition of Domestic abuse in Scotland differs from the definition of Domestic Violence in England and Wales which includes wider familial abuse e.g. from parents or children etc.

## On 26th December 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 how many domestic abuse incidents/call outs did your officers attend?

In response to this question please see the table below that provides the number of incidents created on 26 December and attended broken by year, categorised as a “domestic incident” by initial call type.

Please note the caveats at the bottom of the table.

It is worthy of note that the data below is provided based on initial call type, this is where a member of the public has contacted police and advised that it is their opinion that a domestic incident is ongoing, at this point the incident will be created with the relevant opening code, in this instance “Domestic Incident”. Following the gathering of further information, or investigation it may be the case that the incident was not of a domestic incident nature.

Number of Domestic Incidents created on 26 December and attended, broken by year.

| Year | Number of Domestic Incidents |
| --- | --- |
| 2019 | 230 |
| 2020 | 198 |
| 2021 | 198 |
| 2022 | 189 |

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1. Data was extracted from the Storm Unity database based on the incident's raised date and by using Initial Call Type 'PW-40' (Domestic Incident).

2. Please note, "Attended" Storm Incidents are defined by a valid timestamp within the "At Scene" variable.

## On 26th December 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 how many 999 and 101 calls reporting incidents of domestic abuse were received in your call handling centre?

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by Police Scotland.

By way of explanation, the call recording system does not record the incident type. As such we can provide the number of calls of an origin for example the number of 999 calls but not specifically what each call was in reference to.

## On 31st December 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 how many domestic abuse incidents/call outs did officers from your police force attend?

In response to this question please see the table below that provides the number of incidents created on 31 December and attended broken by year, categorised as a “domestic incident” by initial call type.

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Number of Domestic Incidents created on 31 December and attended, broken by year.

| Year | Number of Domestic Incidents |
| --- | --- |
| 2019 | 185 |
| 2020 | 157 |
| 2021 | 171 |
| 2022 | 154 |

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## How many 999 and 101 calls per day reporting incidents of domestic abuse were received by your force in December 2019, December 2020, December 2021 and December 2022?

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As per the responses to the earlier questions, the call recording system does not record the incident type. As such we can provide the number of calls of an origin for example the number of 999 calls but not specifically what each call was in reference to.

## How many domestic abuse incidents/call outs per day did officers from your police force attend in December 2019, December 2020, December 2021 and December 2022?

In response to this question please see the table below that provides the number of incidents created daily throughout December and attended broken down by year, categorised as a “domestic incident” by initial call type.

Please note the caveats at the bottom of the table.

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Number of Domestic Incidents created daily in December and attended, broken by year.

| Year | Date | Number of Domestic Incidents |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2019 | 01 December | 187 |
|  | 02 December | 163 |
|  | 03 December | 143 |
|  | 04 December | 144 |
|  | 05 December | 159 |
|  | 06 December | 153 |
|  | 07 December | 198 |
|  | 08 December | 217 |
|  | 09 December | 166 |
|  | 10 December | 128 |
|  | 11 December | 136 |
|  | 12 December | 143 |
|  | 13 December | 143 |
|  | 14 December | 154 |
| 2019 | 15 December | 201 |
|  | 16 December | 141 |
|  | 17 December | 111 |
|  | 18 December | 137 |
|  | 19 December | 156 |
|  | 20 December | 180 |
|  | 21 December | 210 |
|  | 22 December | 160 |
|  | 23 December | 145 |
|  | 24 December | 154 |
|  | 25 December | 184 |
|  | 26 December | 230 |
|  | 27 December | 236 |
|  | 28 December | 192 |
|  | 29 December | 204 |
|  | 30 December | 198 |
|  | 31 December | 185 |

| Year | Date | Number of Domestic Incidents |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2020 | 01 December | 121 |
|  | 02 December | 124 |
|  | 03 December | 126 |
|  | 04 December | 132 |
|  | 05 December | 152 |
|  | 06 December | 155 |
|  | 07 December | 110 |
|  | 08 December | 125 |
|  | 09 December | 129 |
|  | 10 December | 140 |
|  | 11 December | 139 |
|  | 12 December | 145 |
|  | 13 December | 147 |
|  | 14 December | 128 |
|  | 15 December | 138 |
|  | 16 December | 140 |
|  | 17 December | 114 |
|  | 18 December | 150 |
|  | 19 December | 167 |
|  | 20 December | 183 |
| 2020 | 21 December | 120 |
|  | 22 December | 126 |
|  | 23 December | 123 |
|  | 24 December | 154 |
|  | 25 December | 152 |
|  | 26 December | 198 |
|  | 27 December | 170 |
|  | 28 December | 150 |
|  | 29 December | 160 |
|  | 30 December | 138 |
|  | 31 December | 157 |

| Year | Date | Number of Domestic Incidents |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2021 | 01 December | 121 |
|  | 02 December | 126 |
|  | 03 December | 126 |
|  | 04 December | 150 |
|  | 05 December | 155 |
|  | 06 December | 128 |
|  | 07 December | 130 |
| 2021 | 08 December | 126 |
|  | 09 December | 127 |
|  | 10 December | 131 |
|  | 11 December | 134 |
|  | 12 December | 174 |
|  | 13 December | 138 |
|  | 14 December | 141 |
|  | 15 December | 147 |
|  | 16 December | 139 |
|  | 17 December | 136 |
|  | 18 December | 194 |
|  | 19 December | 194 |
|  | 20 December | 122 |
|  | 21 December | 105 |
|  | 22 December | 150 |
|  | 23 December | 125 |
|  | 24 December | 151 |
|  | 25 December | 159 |
|  | 26 December | 198 |
|  | 27 December | 171 |
|  | 28 December | 154 |
|  | 29 December | 176 |
|  | 30 December | 177 |
|  | 31 December | 171 |

| Year | Date | Number of Domestic Incidents |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2022 | 01 December | 125 |
|  | 02 December | 142 |
|  | 03 December | 155 |
|  | 04 December | 143 |
|  | 05 December | 125 |
|  | 06 December | 109 |
|  | 07 December | 130 |
|  | 08 December | 107 |
|  | 09 December | 109 |
|  | 10 December | 145 |
|  | 11 December | 138 |
|  | 12 December | 123 |
|  | 13 December | 135 |
|  | 14 December | 135 |
| 2022 | 15 December | 111 |
|  | 16 December | 130 |
|  | 17 December | 151 |
|  | 18 December | 153 |
|  | 19 December | 147 |
|  | 20 December | 126 |
|  | 21 December | 151 |
|  | 22 December | 142 |
|  | 23 December | 137 |
|  | 24 December | 177 |
|  | 25 December | 139 |
|  | 26 December | 189 |
|  | 27 December | 167 |
|  | 28 December | 160 |
|  | 29 December | 151 |
|  | 30 December | 152 |
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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.