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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2208  
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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**Could you tell me the total amount of the following events listed that called 101/999 from the period 2015-2022 broken down by year?**

- **Cruel and unnatural treatment of children**
- **Rape of an under 16**
- **Sexual assault of an under 16**
- **Sexual offences**
- **Domestic incidents**

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, you have asked about domestic abuse incidents and crimes in terms of *how* they were reported - via 101/999 or otherwise.

Whilst the vast majority of incident and crime reports will initiate from a call to the police, that is not always the case and the only way to ascertain the method of reporting for the crimes listed is to review each individual crime report and extract and note the relevant information.

Matters can be reported in person at a police station, by email etc.

We can provide you with data on how many recorded incidents/ crimes there are in each of the categories above but not (within cost) how those crimes were reported.

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You may find the data in this recent FOI response of interest:

[22-1095 – Crime Stats – Sexual – Victim, female – 4yrs - Police Scotland](#)

Domestic abuse incident data is available in our quarterly management information reports, available online:

[How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

An example can be found in the 2021/22 final report at page 15:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/x5xjakax/force-area-quarter-4-official-002.pdf>

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.