| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-0916  Responded to: 21 June 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Under FOI, can you please supply me with the volume of hate incidents reported to Police Scotland on 01/04/2024 under the new hate crime law.

## I would like the following information (anonymised of course)

## - number of incidents reported

## - method of reporting

## - categorisation of reason for complaint (themed)

## - locations of the alleged incidents (can be themed by geographical area).

Please see tables below which confirm the number of recorded hate crimes for the time period specified, broken by council area, and the associated aggravators linked to these crimes.

Please also note caveats under each table.

Number of recorded hate crimes on 1st April 2024, broken down by council area:

| **Council Area** | **1st April 2024** |
| --- | --- |
| Aberdeenshire | 1 |
| Angus | 2 |
| Dundee City | 1 |
| Highland | 2 |
| Falkirk | 2 |
| City of Edinburgh | 8 |
| West Lothian | 2 |
| East Lothian | 1 |
| Fife | 3 |
| Glasgow City | 7 |
| South Ayrshire | 3 |
| South Lanarkshire | 2 |
| Argyll and Bute | 1 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 2 |
| **Total** | **37** |

Aggravator linked to recorded hate crimes on 1st April 2024:

| **Aggravator** | **1st April 2024** |
| --- | --- |
| Age | 0 |
| Disability | 8 |
| Racial | 22 |
| Religious | 2 |
| Sexual Orientation | 5 |
| Transgender | 1 |

Method of reporting for recorded Hate Crimes on 1st April 2024:

| **How reported** | **1st April 2024** |
| --- | --- |
| Found by police | 4 |
| In person - police patrol | 1 |
| In person - police station | 1 |
| Not known | 4 |
| resolution team - direct crime recording | 2 |
| Via letter / e-mail | 2 |
| Via telephone - (999) | 13 |
| Via telephone - (101) | 10 |
| **Total** | **37** |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 30/4/2024.

2. The data from the 1st April 2024 has been extracted from the National Crime Unifi database.

3. Please note, the data from National Unifi Crime has been extracted based on crimes/offences which include at least one of the hate aggravators and/or are one of the following offences:

Racially aggravated harassment

Racially aggravated conduct

Stirring up hatred: Racial

Stirring up hatred: Other Group

Race Relations Legislation (Public Order Act)

4. As there can be multiple aggravators attached to a hate crime, the total number of aggravators will not reflect the number of unique hate crimes.

## - number of incidents the same day last year and the year prior to that.

The tables below provide the information as above for the time period specified, 1st April 2023 and 1st April 202. Please note that due to new recording systems the “method of reporting” is not held for the years 2022 and 2023, as such in terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by Police Scotland.

Number of hate crimes recorded on 1st April 2023, broken down by council area:

| **Council Area** | **1st April 2023** |
| --- | --- |
| Aberdeen City | 4 |
| City of Edinburgh | 1 |
| Falkirk | 1 |
| Glasgow City | 3 |
| North Lanarkshire | 1 |
| Perth & Kinross | 1 |
| South Ayrshire | 1 |
| South Lanarkshire | 1 |
| **Total** | **13** |

Aggravator linked to recorded hate crimes on 1st April 2023:

| **Aggravator** | **1st April 2023** |
| --- | --- |
| Age | 0 |
| Disability | 0 |
| Racial | 11 |
| Religious | 1 |
| Sexual Orientation | 3 |
| Transgender | 0 |

Number of hate crimes recorded on 1st April 2022, broken down by council area:

| **Council Area** | **1st April 2022** |
| --- | --- |
| Aberdeen City | 1 |
| City of Edinburgh | 3 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 1 |
| Dundee City | 1 |
| East Lothian | 2 |
| Falkirk | 2 |
| Fife | 2 |
| Glasgow City | 6 |
| South Lanarkshire | 1 |
| Stirling | 1 |
| **Total** | **20** |

Aggravator linked to recorded hate crimes on 1st April 2022:

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| --- | --- |
| **Aggravator** | **1st April 2023** |
| Age | 0 |
| Disability | 3 |
| Racial | 11 |
| Religious | 1 |
| Sexual Orientation | 6 |
| Transgender | 0 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 30/4/2024.

2. The data prior to the 1st April 2024 has been extracted from the Interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD).

3. Please note, data from iVPD has been extracted based on crimes/offences which include at least one of the hate aggravators.

4. As there can be multiple aggravators attached to a hate crime, the total number of aggravators will not reflect the number of unique hate crimes.

Police Scotland does not retain any information for statistical purposes once a record has been weeded from iVPD.  When a record is weeded, it is removed from the system, and there is no retention of data outside the weeding and retention policy.  Please note, the weeding and retention policy states that if a person is recorded as "no concern / not applicable" then this will only be retained for 6 months.

Please note that these data are collated from the Police Scotland iVPD system, which has an automated weeding and retention policy built on to it. A copy of the retention policy is available on the Police Scotland website.

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.