

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1936
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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.

Can you tell me the total amount of child abuse incidents attended by Police Scotland from 2015-2022 broken down by year ?

My understanding is that your question relates to offences of child abuse rather than calls to 101/999 which Police Scotland would refer to as incidents. I would advise you that, Police Scotland record crimes using the Scottish Government Justice Department crime classification codes. I can advise you that there is no specific offence of child abuse. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

You may wish to consult our published crime statistics which show a variety of offences such as Cruel and unnatural treatment of children and Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children. [How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foiundee@scotland.police.uk 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 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 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.

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