

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0132
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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 provide figures for the number of incidents Police Scotland have determined to involve a gun in the last four years. For example, how many recorded shootings were there in 2021.

Can you please provide this information for the years of 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018? If possible, can you please break down this information into separate months and years.

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, Police Scotland have not yet began the data gathering process for the 2020/21 financial year. From experience of previous returns, this is a highly complex and time consuming task which involves a detailed and a manual review of crime reports.

Police Scotland have assessed that the £600 cost limit within the Act equates to 40 hours of work and that this part of your request would breach the cost threshold.

Please be advised that the figures will be published by the Scottish Government at some point however we do not have an estimated time at present. You may wish to contact them for further information.

The below link provides statistics from the 2010/11 financial year to the 2017/18 financial year:-

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/crime-and-offences-involving-firearms-statistics/>

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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.pnn.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.

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.

