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

## Please provide a full statistical count of all and any reports of -

## Serious assaults and any other violent offences that may or may not have resulted in accidental deaths.

## Attempted homicides and suspicious as well as unexplained deaths.

## Actual homicides including negligent homicides.

## At the following places –

## NHS Borders.

## The Ambulance Service of Scotland.

## NHS Lothian.

## Of patients by the following people –

## NHS staff.

## Private contracted persons.

## Members of the public.

## Between the dates of the 20th of September 2022 to the 6th of October 2022 respectively. If there are any such incidents that have been reported please provide the location and date of each incident as well as if the accused was an NHS staff member, a member of the public, or a private contracted person.

We are unable to search crime reports based on whether the victim was a 'patient' and whether the locus was an NHS premise or an ambulance. The only way to collate this data is to manually search each crime report and assess for relevance to your request. During September and October 2022, Police Scotland recorded over 11,000 non-sexual crimes of violence.  A 2-week period during same time period is therefore likely to be around 2,000 crime reports. Taking these figures into account, it is clear that a manual assessment would far exceed the cost limitations outlined within the Act. As such, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To be of assistance, you may wish to consider limiting your request to specific locations - in which case, we would need a name and address for each to research your request.

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.