| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1709  Responded to: 23 July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## In 2023, how many police hours were spent reviewing Force, Private, or Local Authority CCTV footage in relation to all criminal investigations?

## In 2023, how many police hours were spent reviewing Force, Private, or Local Authority CCTV footage in relation to physical/violent crime or sexual offence reports?

## In 2023, what proportion of Force CCTV cameras were monitored in real time by a human?

## In 2023, what proportion of Force CCTV cameras were monitored in real time by technology?​

## Referring to incidents that took place in institutions (schools, nurseries/kindergartens, hospitals/hospices, care homes etc.) - in 2023, how many police hours were spent reviewing available CCTV footage (Force, Local Authority, or Private) to aid the investigation?

## Referring to incidents that took place in institutions (schools, nurseries/kindergartens, hospitals/hospices, care homes etc.) - in 2023, in what proportion of cases did your teams find that the CCTV in question was not available or existent to corroborate the reported incident?

Unfortunately, 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 explain, to collate this information we would need to assess all Police Officer notebooks etc to determine if the information was held.

## Request for crime statistics- Please provide, per month for 2022 and 2023, the volume of each of the following offences: assault/violence, mugging, hate crime, and sexual offences (please categorise how you see fit).

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available through our Police Scotland website and I have provided a link below for assistance.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/>

## What number of the violent crimes reported in 2023 (including sexual offences) occurred in non-domestic locations? Non-domestic locations would include institutions (schools, nurseries, hospitals, care homes, etc.) in addition to public places.

Unfortunately, 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 explain, we cannot search by locus type. All violent crimes would need to be assessed to determine the location type. To check Group 1 offences (non sexual crimes of violence) alone for this information there were 11,323 incidents.

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.