| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0540  Responded to: 12 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Are you able to provide any information on the number of occasions boarding-up services are used annually from 2019-2024? Even if this figure is an average, it would help give an indication of the annual volume Police Scotland require these services.

For 2019/20, 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.

By way of explanation, the information requested is not held in a central location and research would involve an extensive divisional search.

For 2021/22 onwards, the table below details all Board Ups/ Steel Secures, broken down by division and year and includes instances where premises owners/ occupiers are responsible for costs, as well as those where Police Scotland are liable.

| **Policing Division** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** |
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| A | 292 | 352 | 320 |
| C | 95 | 109 | 74 |
| D | 145 | 187 | 177 |
| E | 252 | 322 | 264 |
| G | 240 | 321 | 228 |
| J | 104 | 142 | 134 |
| K | 87 | 105 | 74 |
| L | 39 | 52 | 32 |
| N | 85 | 80 | 66 |
| P | 161 | 151 | 127 |
| Q | 186 | 214 | 144 |
| U | 119 | 131 | 111 |
| V | 31 | 34 | 13 |
| Total | **1836** | **2200** | **1764** |

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.