| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2028  Responded to: 08 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Specifically, I am seeking anonymised data on the following:

## 1. The total number of incidents attended by your service where sleep was recorded as a factor for each of the past five calendar years

## • Incidents could include, but are not limited to: Falling asleep while driving, road traffic collisions where driver fatigue was cited, incidents involving suspected microsleep episodes, reports of anti-social behaviour involving people asleep in public places, cases involving sleepwalking, etc

## • 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and partial data for 2025 if available

## 2. If held, the causes and number of reports linked to each sleep-related incident

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## • 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and partial data for 2025 if available

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, there is no marker on our incident recording system to indicate if “sleep” was a factor in the incident. Therefore we would need to manually check every recorded incident for the specified time period to check if “sleep” was mentioned as a possible factor in the incident.

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.