| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-1560  Responded to: 5th July 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many welfares checks have been completed at the request of a housing association or local authority for each of the calendar years 2021 and 2022.

## How many of those completed checks resulted in the discovery of a deceased resident inside?

## Of those discoveries, how many resulted in a file being prepared for the coroner?

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, the incident recording system used by Police Scotland has no facility which allows for a search to be carried out by the Caller being a local authority or housing association.

Any such incident would potentially be recorded under the categories such as ‘Concern for Person’, ‘Assist other Agency’ etc. each of which will be thousands of incidents per year.

Each of these incidents will require to be individually examined to establish whether they were relevant to your request. This is an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.