| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0542  Responded to: 15 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**The number of incidents or crimes or reports received or attended by your police department referencing “sodium nitrite” or logged as relating to sodium nitrite.**

**In each case, please include a brief description which summarises what happened.**

**Please provide the results broken down by year for the past two years – 2023 and 2024, as well as the start of 2025, up to and including 10 February.**

In relation to crime reports, 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 have no means of searching crime reports for specific keywords. Researching your request would therefore require the individual assessment of all potentially relevant crime reports to establish if relevant to your request.

In relation to incident reports, we have carried out searches of the Police Scotland STORM incident recording system for any reference to ‘sodium’ for the period 1 January 2023 to 10 February 2025.

The search identified one incident of relevance, from 2024, whereby a person had taken sodium nitrite.

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as at 8 April 2025.

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.