| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1486  Responded to: 09 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**The number of people offered an alternative to prosecution by the police for anti-social behaviour offences four or more times within a three year period since 1 January 2020.**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To explain, in accordance with our [Record Retention SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/nhobty5i/record-retention-sop.docx)​ information relating to Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices (ASB FPN’s) is only retained for a period of current plus three years.  I can however advise you that in accordance with the relevant guidance, officers should not issue an ASB FPN where the offender has been issued recently (defined as within 6 months) with more than one ASB FPN or has convictions for the same offence.

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.