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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**I am looking for Crime Data available via download or API for Scotland with the fields listed below. The data is required for the period of the last 14 months.**

- **Recorded Crime Category eg. Criminal damage and arson, Violence and sexual offences**
- **Area eg, postcode, longitude latitude**
- **Date of offense**

In response to your request, I can advise you that at the current time Police Scotland do not collate/publish crime data in this format. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

I can further advise you that a number of legacy different crime recording systems are currently in use and there is no consistent approach to the recording of details such as longitude/latitude/postcode. I should also point out that this level of detail in raw format would create obvious privacy issues around disclosure and that where forces do publish in this way, the data will have gone through an anonymization process in the first instance.

You may be interested in our quarterly council area crime statistics are available on our website [How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

Older reports detailing Multi member Wards: <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/f5slniok/mmw-area-data-q-3-2019-20.xlsx>

Or datazone stats which were recently published on our disclosure log in response to Freedom of Information requests:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/2021/november/21-2440-crime-stats-by-data-zone-10000-population-month-2011-to-date/>

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/2022/january/22-0020-crime-stats-by-data-zone-2020-21/>

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on [foidundee@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foidundee@scotland.police.uk) quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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