

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0200
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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.

- 1. Could you please supply me with the number of women who have been killed since the beginning of the first lockdown - 23 March 2020 - until today's date – 24 January 2022?**

In response to your request, we have assumed you mean homicide victims rather than individuals killed in road traffic collisions etc.

Therefore I can provide that the total number of female homicide victims between the specified dates is 23.

- 2. Can you provide a breakdown for those being treated as suspicious, manslaughter and murder?**

From the 23 Homicides involving a female victim 22 were treated as murder with 1 treated as culpable homicide.

All homicides in Scotland are treated as suspicious and for clarification purposes the term "Manslaughter" is not a recognised term used in Scottish Law.

Culpable homicide can be considered the nearest equivalent however there are various differences and wording between the two.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foidundee@scotland.pnn.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.pnn.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.

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You can apply [online](#), by email to 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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