| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1489  Responded to: 28 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**How many people were stopped and searched in the Highland area, while out walking, in between 1st January 2017 and 31 December 2017?**

**How many of those stopped and searched, while out walking, in the Highland area between 1st January 2017 and 31 December 2017 were found to be in possession of cannabis?**

**Of those found carrying cannabis during stop and search, while out walking, in the Highland area between 1st January 2017 and 31 December 2017 how many were issued with a cannabis warning?**

**Of those issued with a cannabis warning as a result of stop and search, while out walking, in the Highland area between 1st January 2017 and 31 December 2017 how many were then referred to DVLA for medical fitness to drive assessment?**

**How many of those stopped and searched, while out walking, in the Highland area between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2017 were also referred to DVLA for prescription medication use?**

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.

By way of explanation, there are no markers to indicate whether person subject to a search was a 'walker' at the time and the further detail requested would require the cross referring of data with other police systems.  To be of assistance detailed information about all stop searches conducted across Scotland is available online - [www.scotland.police.uk](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/stop-and-search/data-publication/)

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.