| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1725Responded to: 06 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The main purpose of this request is to gather data on the illegal supply and use of weight loss injections.

## I am requesting the following data, covering the period from January 1, 2020, to the present (including partial data for 2025, if available):

## Specifically, I am seeking information on the following:

## Incidents and Investigations:

## The number of recorded incidents or investigations involving the illegal sale, possession, or administration of weight loss injections from January 1st 2020, to the most recent available date

## A breakdown of how many incidents occurred in each calendar year

## Arrests and Outcomes:

## The number of arrests made in connection with these incidents

## The number of individuals charged or prosecuted as a result

## Substances Involved:

## A list of weight loss substances involved in these cases, where recorded (e.g. semaglutide, liraglutide, or other prescription-only or unlicensed drugs)

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 is no incident or crime classifications that directly align to the type of behaviour described in your request.

As such only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to individually examine every crime/ incident report for the time period requested - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications.

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 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 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.