| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2490  Responded to: 11 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please inform me when the below statement was added to Police Scotland's online Subject Access Request page.**

**I require the specific date when this activity of adding the below sentence was undertaken. Therefore, please provide me with the date.**

**The full sentence within the online message reads: "Due to unprecedented demand, the current wait time for SARs can be up to 9 months."**

**Furthermore, I would like to see written proof that there is an "...unprecedented demand...".**

In response to your request above, the 9 month backlog message was added on 10 July 2025. Prior to that, the website referred to a 6 month backlog - and it had been like that since 22 January 2025. Prior to that there was no information online about backlogs/ wait-times.

With regards to demand, in the first quarter of 2025, Police Scotland received a record number of SARs - 2,575. Between 2020 and 2024, the volume of SARs received on an annual basis by Police Scotland increased by 57%.

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.