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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 would like to know the number of cannabis cultivations that were discovered in Tayside and Fife between January 1st 2017 to November 24 2022. Could we please have the estimated value of each cultivation and, if possible, their exact location.

In response to your request, I can first of all advise you that there is no recognised definition of factory/farm/cultivations and 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 crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department [offence classification codes](#) and are not thereafter sub-categorised.

In this instance, the relevant offence is *Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs*, however the classification is not thereafter sub-categorised by drug type.

As such, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to assess each crime report, for the time period and divisions requested, to establish whether cannabis was involved, and extract the relevant details.

As illustrated in the table below, there were 586 recorded offences of Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs. Therefore given the volume of reports that would need to be examined this would be an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

I would also like to know the number of Production, Manufacture and Cultivation of Drug crimes recorded in Tayside and Fife between January 1st 2017 to November 24 2022.

Could these figures please be split into each year and by council area, i.e: Dundee, Angus, Fife and Perth and Kinross.

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In response to these questions, please see the following:

Recorded Crime - "Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs", Tayside & Fife Divisions. 1st January 2017 to 24th November 2022.

Area Command / Council Area	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Angus	21	10	11	3	8	3
Dundee City	35	30	26	27	28	22
Perth & Kinross	11	7	5	12	11	7
Central Fife	28	19	22	24	14	21
East Fife	16	15	13	16	17	2
West Fife	27	17	17	14	19	8
Total	138	98	94	96	97	63

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 13/12/2022.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at 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 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 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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