| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-2445  Responded to: 16th October 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide me with the number of knife amnesty bin break-ins reported to your force between September 2020 and September 2023.

## If possible, please include the outcome of each incident e.g arrest.

## To assist your search, this is what I mean by knife amnesty bin break-ins.

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, the crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility which allows for a search to be carried out based on whether the locus of a crime had a knife amnesty bin present. Similarly, it is not possible to carry out a search of crime reports based upon the type of property stolen.

Case by Case assessment of all Theft offences would have to be carried out to establish whether the property stolen was a knife and details of the locus.

As illustrated by our published statistics, this would involve individually examining thousands of crime reports - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.