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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.

Tackling domestic abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and we are committed to working with our partners to reduce the harm it causes and ultimately eradicate it.

Domestic abuse is a despicable and debilitating crime which affects all of our communities and has no respect for ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, religion or sexual orientation.

Police Scotland will not tolerate it.

Police Scotland will proactively target perpetrators and support victims to prevent domestic abuse from damaging the lives of victims and their families.

Police Scotland defines domestic abuse as:

“Any form of physical, verbal, sexual, psychological or financial abuse which might amount to criminal conduct and which takes place within the context of a relationship. The relationship will be between partners (married, cohabiting, civil partnership or otherwise) or ex-partners. The abuse may be committed in the home or elsewhere including online”

This definition is included in the Joint Protocol between Police Scotland and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), “*In partnership challenging domestic abuse*” which is a public document that can be found at the Police Scotland website on <https://www.scotland.police.uk/> or on the COPFS website on <http://www.copfs.gov.uk/>.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

### 1. How many domestic abuse cases in Glasgow were reported to police in 2021?

Following clarification you advised that you wanted the figures for the calendar year of 2021, that by cases you were referring to both incidents and crimes and that by Glasgow you meant the city of Glasgow rather than our wider Greater Glasgow division.

Please find the requested incident information in table 1 of the attached spreadsheet. The crime information is in table 2. I would ask that you note the caveats below each data table.

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### **What percentage of these involved a male accused and female victim?**

Please find the requested incident information in table 3 of the attached spreadsheet in regards to incidents that involved a crime being recorded. I would ask that you note the caveats below the data table.

In regards to incidents that did not involve a crime, we would not record an accused in instances where a crime was not recorded and therefore there is no male accused to calculate a percentage from. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by Police Scotland.

### **2. How many rapes and attempted rapes were reported in Glasgow to police in 2021?**

Please find the requested incident information in table 4 of the attached spreadsheet. I would ask that you note the caveats below the data table.

### **3. How many sexual assaults in Glasgow were reported to police in 2021? What percentage of these involved a male accused and female victim?**

You advised that group 2 crimes were sufficient as long as they showed cases that involved a male accused and female victim. Whilst it was initially thought this information could be provided, on further review 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, it was established that there was no way to automatically retrieve the requested information and that a manual check would be required to establish victim gender.

In this case over 2,000 crimes would need to be manually checked. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record, this equates to over 166 hours of work to provide the information requested.

Police Scotland have assessed that the £600 cost limit within the Act equates to 40 hours of work and so this part of your request would breach the cost threshold.

You may wish to consider submitting a refined request for specific sexual crimes which may allow some information to be provided.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management quoting the reference number given.

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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.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarock, 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](mailto: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.