| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-0463  Responded to: 16 February 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to request the number of offences that were categorised as a corrosive offence in Scotland between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive.

## 1. The number of offences that were recorded as physical corrosive substance/fluid attacks against the person.

## 2. The number of threats of corrosive substance/fluid attacks against the person.

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, we are unable to search crime reports based on any link to any corrosive substance. These would be recorded as assault, serious assault, attempted murder, murder etc and each report would have to manually reviewed for potential relevance. This is an exercise that would greatly exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

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.