| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0453  Responded to: 07 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Are you able to please provide statistics on the number of reports you received of incidents of homophobia or sexual orientation-based discrimination at football matches for the following calendar years: 2023, 2024**

**If possible, for each year, please split data by whether the incidents occurred at professional or semi-professional matches; or amateur matches.**

We are unable to search for where incidents occurred. The only way of collecting this data in an accurate manner would be to search each report of hate and non-hate crimes, to determine relevance to the incident occurring at a football match. As such 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.

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.