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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.

**Under the FOI act, please can you send me a schedule showing the number of honour-based incidents reported/recorded for the calendar years January 2020 to January 2021 and for January 2021 to January 2022. Please could you break down this information into categories of the types of incidents reported, i.e. murder, suicide, rape, kidnap, FGM, death threats, domestic abuse, forced marriage (or other cases).**

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

By way of explanation, Police Scotland do not categorise instances of Honour Based Abuse in the incident types request.

To be of assistance I can advise 253 Honour Based Abuse incidents were recorded on the interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD) between January 2020 and January 2022.

Additionally I must advise that the manner in which iVPD records are created means that more than one victim can be linked to a specific incident.

Please note that the figure above was collated from the Police Scotland iVPD system, which has an automated weeding and retention policy in-built.

I have attached a link to the records retention policy in order to assist.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/nhobty5i/record-retention-sop.pdf>

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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

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[foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto: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](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.