| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0697  Responded to: 26 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am looking to understand the impact and consequence of Buckfast Tonic Wine in the Strathclyde region. I have read a slightly outdated BBC article inferring that Buckfast has been involved “In 5000 crime reports” between the dates of 2006-2009. I was hoping for a new freedom of information request to see if that statistic has changed.

## summary of all violence, assaults and crimes involving Buckfast preferably from dates between 2020-2025.

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, there are no searchable fields or markers that would indicate any link to alcohol consumption or Buckfast specifically. To collate the requested data in an accurate and concise manner, a manual search of all violent crimes would be required to determine relevant to Buckfast.

Please note that *​*I suspect the figure previously released in response to a 2009 FOI request was carried out by a keyword search on the legacy Strathclyde Police crime recording system.  That system is no longer in use and the same functionality does not extend to the national crime system now in use.

**2. how much royalties that Buckfast Abbey are receiving from J Chandler & Co (Buckfast) Ltd, the distributor of the drink.**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. You may wish to contact Buckfast Abbey

**3. The amount of heart attacks inferred from drinking Buckfast, or any medical condition brought on by the drink.**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. You may wish to contact the NHS Scotland.

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.