

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1896
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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.

Please may you provide me with all calls made to 101 or 999 under the Dangerous Dogs Act recorded by Police Scotland across Scotland's local authorities for each year since 2015.

Having considered your request in terms of the Act, 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, **incidents** (calls made to police via 101/999) are recorded under more general headings. Those involving dogs would likely come under the classification of 'animals'. Not all incidents result in a crime being recorded. Therefore given that every incident would have to be examined to establish whether it led to a crime being classified as one of those under The Dangerous Dog Act 1991 would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

I can further advise you that **crimes**, such as offences committed under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 are recorded using the Scottish Government Justice Department crime classification codes.

You may be interested in a recent publication on our Disclosure Log which shows recorded crimes classified under Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 since 2017. You can access this via: <https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/2022/september/22-1890-crime-stats-dangerous-dogs-council-area-2017-td/>

I can also advise you that you can obtain older dated offences via our website via this link: <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/f5slniok/mmw-area-data-q-3-2019-20.xlsx>

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@scotland.police.uk 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 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 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.

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