| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-1516  Responded to: 03 July 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**The number of instances of evidence which have gone missing from police custody.  
A breakdown of the type of evidence (eg. the number of each type: drugs, weapons etc.).  
Please provide information relating to the past 10 years, separated by year.**

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 Act where section 12(1) (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

To explain, given your request asks about items in ‘police custody’ - ie at any point - there is no central recording process or system where such information would be stored.

We *may* be able to provide you with some limited information for 2022 and 2023 to date regarding missing *productions* specifically.

Further information regarding Productions is available online - [Productions National Guidance](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/ynpd5pfw/productions-national-guidance.doc).

Please let us know if that would be of interest.

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.