

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1868
Date: 27th September 2022



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.

1) The number of incidents recorded by the force since 2018, in which a person has been injured by either:

- Participation in, or action inspired by, a challenge (or suspected challenge), which has been advertised online (may include reference to social media challenge, video, post or trend).
- Action which appears to have been taken with the intent (or suspected intent) to film its outcome for the purpose of posting online (may include reference to a phone or camera being found set up to record the action).

2) The above figures, broken down by year and, if the data allows, the age range of victims (under 10, 10-17, 18-25, over 25).

3) The number of deaths recorded since 2018 which make reference to one of the above criteria (this may include reference to death by misadventure), also broken down, if the data allows, by year and age range of victims.

In response to these questions, 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, in the absence of any specific incident classification of relevance, case by case assessment of all incident reports recorded on Police Scotland's incident recording system, STORM, would be required.

This would involve individually examining tens of thousands of incidents per year, and as such, is an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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.