| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1987  Responded to: 19 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am looking for information regarding how Police Scotland are managing NCHI’s recorded prior to the updated guidance of 2024.**

1. **How many NCHI’s recorded prior to the introduction of Police Scotland’s updated 2024 interim guidance remain on the IVPD system?**

The table below details Non-Crime Hate Incidents (NCHI’s) recorded for period 2015-2024 (inclusive).

| **Characteristic** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Age | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| Disability | 46 | 49 | 50 | 46 | 49 | 50 | 89 | 103 | 124 | 123 |
| Race | 164 | 188 | 197 | 157 | 193 | 246 | 330 | 629 | 1005 | 796 |
| Religion / Belief | 38 | 37 | 33 | 27 | 25 | 27 | 39 | 89 | 169 | 117 |
| Sexual Orientation | 49 | 30 | 40 | 48 | 75 | 88 | 111 | 190 | 292 | 206 |
| Transgender | 12 | 14 | 26 | 20 | 23 | 32 | 51 | 74 | 111 | 80 |
| Variations in Sex Characteristics | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| **Total** | **309** | **318** | **346** | **298** | **365** | **443** | **620** | **1085** | **1701** | **1333** |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland internal and is correct as at 29th July 2025.  
As there can be multiple hate characteristics attached to a hate victim, the total number of victims will not reflect the number of unique hate incidents.   
Data was extracted where a nominal was a victim of at least one hate incident.   
Data is collated from the Police Scotland iVPD system, which has an automated weeding and retention policy built in, in accordance with our [Record Retention SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/policies-and-procedures/standard-operating-procedures/standard-operating-procedures-p-s/).

1. **Of the NCHI’s recorded prior to 2024 on IVPD how many have the alleged perpetrators name attached?**
2. **How many of those whom the reports were made against were advised of this outcome and how many have not?**

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.

To explain, Perpetrator details aren’t normally recorded on iVPD and if held will usually be recorded as “other party”. The ‘other party’s’ details will not be routinely recorded. They should only be recorded in exceptional circumstances where there is a real risk of significant harm to individuals or groups who are protected by the legislation and/or a real risk that a future criminal offence may be committed against those individuals or groups. Each report would need to be manually assessed to identify those where the ‘other party’ had been named – clearly an exercise which would far exceed the cost threshold set out in the Act.

1. **What updates and/or amendments if any have been made to the NCHI’s recorded prior to the introduction of the new interim guidance to ensure they meet the current standards of recording with regards to perception-based recording?**

No back record conversation took place, in terms of amending concluded incidents and the related iVPD record prior to the implementation of the new hate crime / hate incident recording policy.

Hate incidents created on iVPD following the policy change on 1 April 2024 should follow current force policy. Our Public Protection National Risk and Concern team undertake a quality assurance function to ensure NCHIs recorded on iVPD post 1 April 2024 adhere to force policy, and notify Concern Hubs to amend iVPD records where they don’t.

1. **How many existing NCHI’s recorded prior to the updated 2024 guidance have been weeded from the IVPD system in the previous 12 months?**

Weeded information is no longer held by Police Scotland, and as such the information sought is not held and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

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.

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