| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-2586Responded to: 01 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I want to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the period [1 January 2010 to 31 July 2025]:**

1. **The total number of complaints and/or reports of criminal offences (including misconduct in public office) made to your force by:**
* **members of the public**
* **businesses**
* **serving or retired police officers**

**against Licensing Police Officers.**

1. **Of these cases:**
* **How many were formally investigated?**
* **What were the outcomes of each investigation (e.g., substantiated, not substantiated, withdrawn, etc.)?**
1. **Of those investigated, how many resulted in:**
* **criminal charges being brought**
* **acquittals**
* **convictions**

**Clarification to assist processing:
For this request, “Licensing Police Officers” refers to officers whose primary role during the relevant period was within the Licensing Unit or equivalent department responsible for the regulation and enforcement of alcohol licensing, late-night venues, or related licensing matters.**

The National Professional Standards database became operational from 1 April 2014. Therefore, the information sought prior to this date is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

Regarding data from April 2014 to present, 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 is no way to establish the complainer details, or the specific role undertaken by the officer at the time of the complaint without a manual search of each record.​

You should also note that misconduct in public office is an English offence, with no equivalent in 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 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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by email 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.