



LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 25 November 2024, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

“For the last three calendar years or 12-month periods ending in 2021, 2022 and 2023, please can you tell me, per year

1. How many intimate searches were conducted?
2. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological males?
3. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological females?
4. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological males by biological males?
5. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological males by biological females?
6. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological females by biological females?
7. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological females by biological males?
8. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological females by biological males who identify as women (without a gender recognition certificate)?
9. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological females by biological males who identify as women (with a gender recognition certificate)?
10. How many biological males refused to be intimately searched by a female officer?
11. How many biological females refused to be intimately searched by a male officer?

12. How many biological females refused to be intimately searched by a male officer who identifies as a woman (without a gender recognition certificate)?
13. How many biological females refused to be intimately searched by a male officer who identifies as a woman (with a gender recognition certificate)?”

Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request and is able to provide the following.

The Scottish Police Authority does not hold the information requested.¹

The Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland and does not hold information on operational policing matters.

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at foi@scotland.police.uk

You may also wish to refer to [Police Scotland's Disclosure Log](#).

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to foi@spa.police.uk or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@foi.scot or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

This response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

SPA Corporate Management

¹ This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.