



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 23 February in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

How many homophobic attacks or assaults (including sexual and verbal) have been reported in the last six years? Broken down into 12-month period. 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Please can I know the amount reported per month from January 2023 – present?

Please can I know how many of these homophobic attack or assault reports resulted in an arrest and/or charge in the last six years? Broken down in a 12-month period. 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Please can I know the number of arrests and/or charges per month from January 2023 – present?

Please can I know how many of these arrests/charges from reports of homophobic attacks or assaults resulted in trial and/or conviction in the last six years? Broken down in a 12-month period? 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Please can I know the number of arrests/charges resulted in trial and/or conviction per month from January 2023 – present?

My request concerns hate crime. Not non-crime incidents

Response

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority is able to provide the following.

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

The Scottish Police Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland and does not hold information on operational policing matters such as recorded crime statistics.

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at foi@scotland.police.uk as the constabulary responsible for policing across Scotland.

Also of interest may be information published by the Scottish Government providing [official statistics on crimes and offences recorded by the police in Scotland](#).

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request 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@itspublicknowledge.info 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.

An anonymised version of this response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

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