



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 6 January, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

1. How many arrests were made on drug-related charges, with a yearly breakdown of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022? Of these arrests, please can you specify the 5 most common drugs related to the arrests and potential charges.
2. Of these arrests, could you please specify how many of these were related to drug dealing and how many were related to drug consumption, with the same yearly breakdown?
3. Of the individuals arrested on drug-related charges, could you please categorize, again by yearly breakdown, the age range from under 18, 18-25, 25-40, 40-55 and 55+?

Response

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

The Authority does not hold the information you have requested. Therefore, this represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

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

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland, as the constabulary responsible for policing across Scotland. Information on how to make a request to Police Scotland is available at – [Freedom of Information - Police Scotland](#)

Also of interest may be official statistics published by the Scottish Government on crimes and offences recorded by the police in Scotland. Statistics on crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the police, split by crime or offence group are available at – [Recorded crime in Scotland - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with 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@spa.police.uk or by post to Corporate Management Team, Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

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 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 Scottish Police Authority Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.