

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2021-2595
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

The number of cases of homicide in Scotland that have not been solved. Please provide this data from the start of the 2013-14 financial year up until the present date.

In response to your request, I can confirm that Police Scotland does have a dedicated department - Homicide Governance and Review (HGR), who work in close partnership with COPFS, SPA Forensic Services and the Major Investigation Teams, to review and investigate unresolved and undetected homicide investigations. Numerous investigations are worked on by both Homicide Governance and Review and the Major Investigation Teams nationally over the course of any given year.

There are currently 181 unresolved homicides nationwide during the time period requested from 01 April 2013 to 15 November 2021 – please see the yearly breakdown below

2013/14 = 9
2014/15 = 17
2015/16 = 11
2016/17 = 10
2017/18 = 18
2018/19 = 15
2019/20 = 24
2020/21 = 45
2021/22 = 32

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foidundee@scotland.pnn.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, 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@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

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

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