



Freedom of Information Response

Our reference: FOI 25-1297

Responded to: 21 July 2025

Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

- 1) Please provide a list (or brief overview) of any evaluation undertaken by Police Scotland on the effectiveness of Non Crime Hate Incidents (NCHIs).**
- 2) Please provide a list (or brief overview) of any other analyses of NCHIs undertaken by Police Scotland (for example, trend analysis).**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, there are no records of any evaluations or analyses on the effectiveness of Non-Crime Hate Incidents being carried out by Police Scotland.

These questions may be better directed to Scottish Government: [Request information - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot)

- 3) Please state how many NCHI records Police Scotland currently holds.**

Please note caveats below the table.

Recorded IVPD Non-Crime Hate Incidents – 1 January 2014 – 30 June 2025

Year	Incidents
2014	179
2015	264
2016	266
2017	284
2018	299
2019	511

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Year	Incidents
2020	638
2021	662
2022	961
2023	1,297
2024	1,050
2025	365
Total	6,773

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 4/7/2025.

All records relating to Non-Crime Hate Incidents have been extracted from the Interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD).

Non-Crime Hate Incidents are extracted from iVPD where 'Crime Occurred' equals 'No'.

Please note, the data is extracted using the 'incident created'.

Please note that these data are collated from the Police Scotland iVPD system, which has an automated weeding and retention policy built on to it. A copy of the retention policy is available on the Police Scotland internet site <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/nhobty5i/record-retention-sop.docx>

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, Dalmarlock, 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](#), by [email](#) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

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This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.