



Criminal Injuries
Compensation
Authority

Response to Freedom of Information Request

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Request	
Please can you tell me:	
(1) How many applications were made for compensation to Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA) annually from 2015-2024 which included a rape complaint made to Police Scotland?	
(2) How many applications for compensation which involved a rape complaint made to Police Scotland were successful annually from 2015-2024? Also, what was the total paid out annually?	
(3) Could someone who has made a rape complaint to Police Scotland be paid compensation from CICA even when the accused is acquitted in court?	
(4) Could someone who has made a rape complaint to Police Scotland be paid compensation from CICA even when the accusations are proved to be false?	
(5) It states in the A Guide to Criminal Injuries Compensation published by Rights for Women on page 3 "If you have been the victim of a sexual offence (including rape) then you do not need to show evidence of a diagnosed mental or physical injury to get compensation because the fact that you have experienced the crime is seen as an injury in itself." In order to receive compensation from CICA, is any evidence required other than proof the rape has been reported to the police?	
<u>CICA Response</u>	
1. Please note, "Rape" is not an incident type that can be selected when an application is made to CICA- as such, the information provided in response to your request concerns claims where the incident type selected at point of application was "Sexual Assault".	
The following table provides the number of applications received per calendar year for sexual assault and were investigated by Police Scotland.	
Please note some of the applications received within the requested time period have been archived in line with our records management policy. CICA's archive database does not record the incident type therefore any archived cases haven't been reflected within the table provided below.	

Year of Application	Number of Cases	Cases resolved	%age
2015	437	251	57.4
2016	381	229	60.1
2017	501	375	74.9
2018	545	479	87.9
2019	724	510	70.4
2020	659	324	49.2
2021	912	615	67.4
2022	931	659	70.8
2023	1118	739	66.1
2024	1275	696	54.6

2. The table below relates to the awards paid annually on claims where the applicants selected "Sexual Assault" as the incident type at the point of application. Please note that these figures are not a subset of the claim figures above.

As above the table will not include claims that have been archived.

Year Resolved	Number of Cases Resolved	Total Compensation paid	average payment
2015	251	£3,011,912	11,999.65
2016	229	£2,687,251	11,734.72
2017	375	£4,987,012	13,298.70
2018	479	£5,636,561	11,767.35
2019	510	£6,054,953	11,872.46
2020	324	£6,340,318	19,568.88
2021	615	£9,609,184	15,624.69
2022	659	£9,510,225	14,431.30
2023	739	£10,902,918	14,753.61
2024	696	£9,914,571	14,245.07

3 – 5. CICA does not hold copies of information to answer questions 3-5. Eligibility criteria for receiving an award under the terms of the 2012 Scheme can be found at:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5d00c89ee5274a3cfa8a4ffe/criminal-injuries-compensation-scheme-2012.pdf>