| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-3039Responded to: 29 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I’m looking to find out more about the number of weapons police have seized in Inverclyde.**

**Could you please provide me with responses to the following questions:**

1. **For each calendar year since the start of 2021, could you please provide me with the total number of weapons seized or confiscated in Inverclyde by police.**
2. **For each seizure/confiscation, please provide details of the type of weapon that was seized and the date (as exactly as possible) it was seized on.**
3. **For each calendar year since 2019, please state the number of zombie knives that were seized in Inverclyde.**
4. **Since 2021, how many weapons have been seized/confiscated from individuals who were under the age of 18 at the time of the seizure?**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, we would have to review all offensive weapons/ knife/ bladed article crime records, as well as crimes of violence etc and review associated productions. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of assistance, you may find the following crime stats and stop search stats to be of interest:​​ [Data Publication - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/stop-and-search/data-publication/)

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, Dalmarnock, 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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.