| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-3133Responded to: 10 December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I wish to make a Freedom of Information request regarding female missing persons.**

**Please supply a list of all female missing persons aged between 13 and 50 that were reported missing between 01/10/05 and 15/12/05.**

**It is understood that at this time policing in Scotland was split among many regional forces. As such please give information regarding every police force at the time.**

The National Missing Persons Application was introduced in 2019, prior to this we used the National Missing Persons Database which held information from 2016-2019. All Missing Person records predating this were held by the relevant force division. As such 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, there is no centralised recording system for historical missing person cases. The only way to retrieve this data in an accurate way would be to manually search of each divisions record systems. This is an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold set out within the act.

Notwithstanding, as this request is referring to historical cases, due to record retention policies it is likely that this information may no longer be held.

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.