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

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information.**

**Please note the information sought is in relation to present day crimes and not historical.**

**Violent and possession of weapons offences in Schools 2024/2023**

**1, How many alleged violent offences, and those of possession of weapons (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in 2024/2023?**

**4, How many alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in 2023/2022?**

**7, How many alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in 2022/2021?**

In relation to violent offences on school premises, 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 cannot search crime reports based on locus type. The only way to establish this, would be to individually examine all crime reports relating to violent offences. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

In relation to weapon offences, the information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

Some offences, such as weapons offences, are specific to schools and can be filtered by searching “school” in the crime type column.

**2, How many alleged violent offences and those of possession of weapons (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the victim was aged 18 and under 2024/2023?**

**3, How many of those alleged violent offences and those of possession of weapons (Including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the perpetrator was aged 18 and under 2024/2023?**

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**5, How many alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the victim was aged 18 and under 2023/2022?**

**6, How many of those alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (Including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the perpetrator was aged 18 and under 2023/2022?**

**Violent Offences and possession of weapons offences in Schools 2022/2021**

**8, How many alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the victim was aged 18 and under 2022/2021?**

**9, How many of those alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (Including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the perpetrator was aged 18 and under 2022/2021?**

As previously answered above, in relation to violent offences on school premises, 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.

With regards to the age of the parties involved in violent offences, again, I must advise that I estimate 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, to determine the ages of those involved at the time of the offence, a case by case assessment of each crime report would have to be carried out. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.