| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1615Responded to: 28th June 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I understand your crime codes are Scotland specific so may I please amend this request again,

## Can you please provide the year on year data for total number of recorded incidents of EXTORTION between 01.01.2014 and 31.5.2024 inclusive. (If you are unable to provide that time frame because of changes made to the way in which this data has been stored, please provide the most thorough time frame which is available to you.)

## Are you then able to filter this data set for the words sexual offences. Can you please then provide a year on year data set of the total number of extortion cases which also involve sexual offences.

## Are you then able to filter this final data set for the words “learning disabilities” to provide the year on year, total number of cases of extortion involving sexual offences which involve a complainant who was learning disabled.

Home Office Crime Classifications and codes do not extend to Scotland. Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications. Unfortunately, Extortion is not a recognised SGJD code however the relevant offence in Scotland is Threats and Extortion.

Notwithstanding, I have considered your request under the Act, and I regret to inform you that 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 are unable to conduct a key word search of crime reports based on complainants’ characteristics. The only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each crime report created on our systems to determine relevance to your request. Considering the numbers of incidents involved this is clearly an exercise which would exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

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.