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

## I would like to obtain the following details related to cybercrime incidents within the UK.

## Number of reported cybercrime incidents broken down by region within the UK for the last three years.

## Types of cybercrimes (e.g., fraud, hacking, phishing, etc.) reported in each region, if available.

## Any demographic information (age, gender, etc.) of the victims and perpetrators, if available.

## The total financial losses attributed to cybercrime in each region over the last three years.

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, however there is no Scottish crime classification relevant to your request.

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, the type of crime referred to in your request could be covered by numerous crime classifications. The only way to collate the information required in an accurate way would be to manually assess all individual crimes of dishonesty to determine relevance to online crimes. This is clearly an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

To be of assistance, crime data can be accessed online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/).

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) 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](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.