| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2742Responded to: 30 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please can you provide me the following information broken down by the following calendar years:

## 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 up until 30 September.

## 1) How many offences have been recorded by your force which have been committed by children aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility)

## 2) A breakdown of the offences suspected to have been committed by children under the age of 10

## 3) A breakdown of the ages of suspects aged under 10 suspected of committing an offence

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.

To explain, we are unable to search crime reports based on age of the accused at the time of offence for the period requested, to provide you with this information would require a manual search of all crime reports to establish age.

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.