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

## Please provide the following details for the last five years in East Renfrewshire (or for the available period if less than five years):

## 1. The number of reported crimes linked to social media channels

## 2. The types of crimes reported (e.g., harassment, fraud, stalking, etc.)

## 3. The breakdown of these crimes by social media platform (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)

## 4. Any available statistics on the outcomes of these investigations (e.g., arrests, charges, convictions)

## 5. Any notable trends or observations identified by the police in relation to crimes linked to social media channels

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, there are no search markers to indicate that a crime had on online or social media element to it. 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 if there was any relevance to online activity. Due to 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](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.