| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1777  Responded to: 22nd July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of reports made to the police force relating to the creation of “deepfake” pornographic imagery over the past five years, broken down by year

## The referral route of the report where applicable, including but not limited to a member of the public, a company, a social media firm, a school/teachers etc.

## The gender of the alleged victim(s) where stated

## The age of the alleged victim(s) where stated

## The number of arrests made in relation to the creation of the deepfake imagery over the past five years, broken down by year

## The number of people charged in relation to the creation of the deepfake imagery over the past five years, broken down by year

## The number of people released on bail in relation to the creation of the deepfake imagery over the past five years broken down by year, and the reasons why they were released

## The gender of those arrested, charged or released on bail over the past five years, broken down by year

## The average length for an investigation into a report of deepfake imagery over the past five years, broken down by year

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.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification codes and there is no corresponding classification relevant to your request.  Such behaviour could be recorded under a number of different crime classifications depending on the circumstances and the only possible way to provide an accurate response to your request, would be to individually examine each and every potentially relevant offence. This is an exercise that would clearly exceed the cost threshold set out within 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.