| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0136Responded to: xx January 25 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

I would like statistics showing rape cases for Scotland in the last 10 years showing ethnicity of individuals accused and convicted.

The role of Police Scotland is to investigate the circumstances and where sufficient evidence exists to then report the matter to the relevant Procurator Fiscal. It is a matter for the Procurator Fiscal to decide on and to progress any prosecution through the courts. The disposal in relation to cases reported to the Procurator Fiscal is not routinely passed to the police, therefore, the Force do not hold the information requested in relation to convictions.

As such section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 applies: notice that information is not held.

Turning to the ethnicity of any accused individuals, 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.

As this level of detail is not available through any automated search, a manual search of all relevant crime reports would be required to determine the information you are requesting. This would be a huge undertaking, involving thousands of reports and far exceeding 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 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.