| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-0327  Responded to: 08 March 2024 |
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Please, first of all, accept my sincere apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

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

**The number of persons in custody, and the percentage as a whole,  that have been placed on level 4 observations at any time broken down at all major custody centres, every year since 2014.**

In response to your request, I can advise you 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 is no automatic way of retrieving this level of detail from our National Custody System which was introduced in 2017 or prior to then from our legacy custody systems.

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.