| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1648Responded to: 24July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

For ease of reference all requests have been individually considered in terms of the Act

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## The number of historical sexual offences reported to police in Shetland over the last five years. (Meaning offences committed months/years ago but are only being reported later.) Please break this down by year.

In response to your request I would advise that we don’t record ‘historic sexual offences’, there is no category or specific crime classification which would relate to this.

As such, section 17 of the Act therefore applies as the information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

To be of assistance, if you can define what you mean by ‘historic’ ie how long ago the offence happened, we can reconsider your request.

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.