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

## 1. Please provide the number of referrals you made to the NCA regarding child sexual abuse imagery in each of the following nine financial years:

## 2015/16, 2014/15 and 2013/14:

The Child Abuse Image Database (CAID) system went live in Police Scotland in 2016. Accordingly, I must advise you that data is not held by Police Scotland for any earlier period and Section 17 of the Act (Information not held) applies.

**2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19, 2017/18 and 2016/17:**

For the period between 2016 and April 2021, I must advise you that the data is not held in a format which will allow us to automatically or easily identify the number of Referrals made to the National Crime Agency (NCA) in those period(s).

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.

By way of explanation there are no search markers for cases which resulted in a Referral.

The only way to collate this information is to manually search each report to determine relevance and this is clearly an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold set out within the act.

**2021/22:**

Between 01/04/2021 and 30/03/2022 there were 76 Referrals (all identified victims) submitted to the NCA.

To be of further assistance I have also provided the most recent data available below;

**2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 (part year):**

Between 01/04/2022 and 30/03/2023 there were 158 Referrals (of which 150 were identified victims) submitted to the NCA.

Between 01/04/2023 and 30/03/2024 there were 275 Referrals (of which 259 were identified victims) submitted to the NCA.

Between 01/04/2024 and 17/12/2024 (part year) there were 289 Referrals (of which 259 were identified victims) submitted to the NCA.

## 2. Please provide the number of Police Scotland officers arrested by Police Scotland for any offence since the force was formed in 2013 broken down by year.

In general terms we are unable to collate comprehensivearrest data, as a case-by-case assessment of all officer notebooks would be required - in addition to the partialarrest data held in the National Custody System.

In terms specifically of Police officers, the Professional Standards Department (PSD) database does not record this data in a retrievable format and 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) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

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.