| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0034Responded to: 30 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## For each of the following:

## (i)                    Operation Cotswold;

## (ii)                   Operation Dash, and;

## (iii)                  Operation Cerrar

## The number of:

## a)        potential victims of child sexual exploitation identified;

## b)       suspects reported to the crown office, and;

In response to the two questions above, unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost 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, in respect of each operation, there are multiple files and a series of overlapping of investigative tasks, suspects and witnesses’ details/information that would require to be manually reviewed to provide the information requested. These files span over an approximate 10-year period, to collate the data noted above over the time period stated would greatly exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

## c)        successful convictions

Police Scotland does not hold prosecution information. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) which holds conviction information for Scotland. A request can be submitted to COPFS via email using the following address foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk

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.