| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0539  Responded to: 13 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **I would like to know how many reports were made of sexual violence (includes  rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, indecent exposure and sexual exploitation) in schools.**
2. **For this data I would like a breakdown of how many cases were reported where the perpetrator was logged as a minor.**

**For each of these requests I would like a breakdown of the figures by the years 2014,2015,2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024**

**If the number of years requested is too large, please just complete for the years 2019-2024**

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, the crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility which allows for us to conduct a keyword search based on the locus being a school or the age of the accused at the time of the offence.

To accurately answer your request, each sexual related crime report would have to be manually reviewed, which would result in thousands of reports for the time period requested. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

It should also be noted, narrowing the time period of your request would still exceed the cost limit.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.