| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2696  Responded to: 01 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Thanks for this and for the clarification about the data that you hold.**

**Can you, however, please provide the data that you do have held electronically in your National Custody System?**

**I note that this will not include the numbers of persons released from police custody prior to their arrival at a police station who you say are "effectively they are ‘de-arrested’ - where the reasonable grounds for suspicion no longer exist".**

In relation to the above I must advise that 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.

To explain, we have no way of extracting information from our Custody system based on the reason for arrest being linked to protest activity.

Therefore, all custody records for the specified time period would need to be manually reviewed and potentially cross referred with other data, in order to identify the relevant information.

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.