| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1463  Responded to: 02 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1a) How many times have you responded to a malicious threat or intruder at a school where they have had to do a full lockdown in the years (from January-January):  2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.  
b) Can you give a breakdown to the nature of the incident in reference to question 1a**

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) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, there are no incident classifications that directly align to the type of event described in your request and we have no means of searching recorded incidents based on the nature of the locus - ie a school.

**2a) How many people aged 0 to 16-years-old have been found in possession of a knife or bladed articles in school and have been arrested for the following years (from January-January):  2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.**

**b) Can you give a break down by age and sex in reference to question 2a**

**3a) How many people aged 0 to 16-years-old have been charged for possession of a knife or bladed article at a school for the following years (from January-January):  2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.**

**b) Can you give a break down by age and sex in reference to question 3a**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process parts 2a-3b of 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 process your request, we would have to review all Crime Reports to establish age and sex of the parties involved.

To be of assistance however, data for weapon and knife crime within schools is publicly available:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

Please note, detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

**4a) How many violent assaults have you attended in schools for the following years (from January-January):  2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.  
b) Can you give a break down by age and sex in reference to question 4a**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process part 4a and 4b of 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, unlike weapons offences, there are no crime classifications specific to violence in schools, meaning the Crime Reports for all crimes of violence would have to be individually assessed for relevance in terms of location type and age.

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.