| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1294Responded to: 09 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1: How many crimes were recorded referencing zombie knives/zombie-style knives/zombie-style machetes/zombie-style swords in the last four years? (Since 2021 - up to and including any data held for 2025)

## 1a) Of those, how many involved youths (under18)? Can figures be broken down by year?

*​*For the period covered by your request, we have no means by which we can conduct a free text search based on the content of a crime report.  All potentially relevant crime reports would therefore have to be individually reviewed for relevance.

As such, 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.

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.