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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. In the past 10 years, how many individuals aged between 12 and 17 have been charged with minor sexual offences (e.g. non-contact offences such as flashing, voyeurism, sexting or sending indecent images)?**

**2. Of those individuals, how many were later charged or convicted of more serious sexual offences as adults (age 18+), such as rape, sexual assault, or contact offences?**

**3. If data linking juvenile and adult offending is not available due to anonymisation or recording systems, do you hold or are you aware of:**

**• Any statistical analysis, longitudinal tracking, or internal reviews showing trends in escalation or reoffending patterns among young sexual offenders?**

**• Any information, risk assessments, or reports on whether early intervention with young people accused of sexual offences is associated with a reduced likelihood of future reoffending or offence severity?**

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, for the time period covered by your request, we are unable to extract data based on the age of individuals accused of sexual crimes, other than by case by case assessment of all sexual offence crime reports recorded – an exercise which would clearly exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of assistance, Crime statistics are available online - [How we are performing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/)

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.