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

**Please provide the following information for Falkirk covering the period 1 April 2024 to 29 July 2025 (inclusive).**

**1. Sexually Aggravated Offences**

* **Total number of sexually aggravated offences reported in Falkirk.**
* **How many perpetrators were identified as “white” men and “white” women, respectively.**
* **How many were identified as of non-white or foreign backgrounds (and please specify any available ethnicity categories).**
* **How many were reported to involve asylum seekers or individuals currently accommodated in asylum-related hotels (including illegal asylum seekers if that category is recorded).**

**2. Violence or Harassment Reports**

* **Total number of violence or harassment offences reported in the same period.**
* **If available, breakdown by perpetrator immigration or asylum status (e.g., asylum seeker, visa holder, foreign national).**
* **Number of these offences that resulted in criminal proceedings or prosecutions.**

**3. Accommodation‑Linked Offences**

* **Of the cases above (sexually aggravated and violence/harassment), how many involved perpetrators or victims residing in hotel accommodation used for asylum seekers or migrants in Falkirk.**

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, there are no markers on our systems that would indicate that the accused was an asylum seeker/ refugee at the time of the offence, nor whether they were residing within asylum seeker hotel/ accommodation. ​

Furthermore, the recording of an individual's ethnicity is not mandatory and where this information is recorded, there are no relevant markers which would allow the automatic retrieval of this information.

All potentially relevant offences would need to be individually reviewed to establish this level of information - an exercise which would clearly far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of assistance, recorded and detected crimes statistics by Multi Member Ward are available online:

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

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.