| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1624  Responded to: 11 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information for the time period 1 January 2015 to 4 April 2025:**

**1) The total number of data requests Police Scotland has made to the website Vivastreet as part of its investigations into potential criminality connected to a prostitution advert on the website.**

**For your reference, South Wales Police established that they have recorded 28 data requests to Vivastreet in the time period via the following method: “We consulted with our Crime and Criminal justice unit who have provided the following information regarding your request. A search has been conducted on our crime and incident reporting system (NICHE RMS) for all occurrences recorded throughout the specified time period containing one of the following key words, \*Vivastreet\* and \*Viva street\*. Additionally relevant operational teams who conduct enquiries in this area were also contacted to retrieve any information they held in relation to this request. All results retrieved were individually interrogated to establish relevance to your request.”**

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, we have no means by which all prostitution related offences for the ten year period covered by your request can be searched on the basis of any link to the Vivastreet platform.  Any requests for information would be on a case by case basis by the officers involved and details noted on individual crime reports and associated records.  We would have to review all prostitution related crime reports for relevance.

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.