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

## Details of when the police have investigated allegations relating to ketamine in schools. Please can you give me figures and reports for each of the academic years (September 1 to July 31) for 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and as much of 2024/25 as possible.

## For each year:

## How many times has the force investigated an allegation relating to ketamine in a school?

## Please provide a summary of the MO section of the incident report with any personal data redacted.

## Please provide the age and sex of a child said to have been in possession of Ketamine.

## Please specify the age and sex of a child accused of selling Ketamine.

## Please specify how many children have been hospitalised due to suspected Ketamine abuse? In each case please provide their age and sex.

## How many children died after taking ketamine?

## How many were arrested? Please provide the age and sex in each case and what they were arrested on suspicion of?

## How many were charged? What was their age and sex and what were they charged with?

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 period covered by your request, we are unable to search our systems based on any link to Ketamine specifically, nor are we able to single out crimes/ other incidents which took place in schools, other than on a case-by-case basis. An exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

You may wish to reach out to National Records of Scotland for information regarding drug related deaths - [Drug-related deaths in Scotland in 2023 - National Records of Scotland (NRS)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/publications/drug-related-deaths-in-scotland-in-2023/)​ and to NHS Scotland for information about hospitalisations.

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.