| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2415  Responded to: 06 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am writing to request the following information for the calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 to date, specifically within the Glasgow area:**

1. **How many individuals under the age of 18 were found in possession of a blade or pointed weapon by police officers?**
2. **What was the age of the youngest person found in possession of a blade or pointed weapon by police officers?**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Stop and Search Data Publication - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/stop-and-search/data-publication/)

1. **How many knife-related injuries or fatalities involving individuals under 18 were recorded in Glasgow during this time?**
2. **How many individuals under 18 were charged with a knife or blade offence?**

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.

To explain, we have no means of searching crime reports to determine age at the time of the offence.  Researching your request would therefore require the individual assessment of all potentially relevant crime reports for relevance – an exercise which would clearly far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

In terms of question four however, and to be of assistance, you may be interested in our detected crime stats by Multi Member Ward area - [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.