| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0585  Responded to: 24 February 2025 |
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## Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of requests for user data made by [Police Scotland] to the following companies from 2015 to date. Please provide separate figures for each company, broken down by calendar year.

## Google / Alphabet

## Apple

## Microsoft

## Facebook / Meta

## Twitter / X

## TikTok

## Snapchat

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, the only way to collate this data in an accurate and comprehensive manner would be to manually assess each data request submitted over the 9-year period to determine relevance to each of the above-mentioned companies. This is clearly an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold outlined within the Act.

Notwithstanding, it is highly likely that any information that could be gathered within cost would attract exemption under the Act - most likely in terms of section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law Enforcement.

Information is exempt if its disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

In this case by highlighting sensitive investigative tactics used by the Police.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.