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

## I am asking for the information to be given to me specifically for the below periods.

## April 01 2024 - March 31st 2025 April 01 2023 - March 31st 2024 April 01 2022 - March 31st 2023 April 01 2021 - March 31st 2022 April 2020 - March 31st 2021.

## Under the FOI act, I am looking for the following information

## The total number of rapes reported to your force where the victim has been aged 18 or under

## The total number of rapes reported to your force, where the perpetrator has been aged 18 or under

## The total number of sexual assaults reported to your force where the victim has been aged 18 or under (if possible please provide information on victim gender)

## The total number of sexual assaults reported to your force where the perpetrator has been aged 18 or under (if possible please provide information on perpetrator gender)

## The total number of stalking reports reported to your force where the victim has been aged 18 or under (if possible please provide information on victim gender)

## The total number of stalking reports reported to your force where the perpetrator has been aged 18 or under (if possible please provide information on perpetrator gender)

## The total number of violent crimes reported to your force, where the victim has been female perpetrator has been male and aged 18 and under

Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that I estimate 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) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

For the period covered by your request, we have no automated means of searching crime reports based on the age of linked parties at the time of the offence, or their sex. To be of assistance, however, we may be able to provide data regarding the victim age and sex in some rapes/ sexual assaults, but not all. By way of explanation, prior to the introduction of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009, which came into force in 2010, rapes and sexual assaults regardless of age or gender of victim were classified under the same offence.

Where a historic offence that pre-dates the introduction of this legislation was reported after the legislation coming into force, it will still be recorded in terms of the classification code relevant to the period - i.e. with no age/ gender marker. For example, if a male reported to the police today that they had been raped as a 14-year-old child in 2005, the crime would be recorded as rape.

By contrast, crimes which took place after the introduction of the Act will be recorded in terms of various age/ sex brackets – if for example, the crime above, took place in 2024, it would be recorded as rape of a male (13-15).​

However, to be of assistance, you may find this response uploaded onto our Disclosure Log to a request, which relates to crime (rape – recorded and detected) where the age/ sex is part of the classification, to be of interest:

[FOI 25-0092 Response](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/1j5d0rhf/25-0092-dl-response.docx)

In this instance, it is important to note that ‘detected’ crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

## 8)The total number of misogny crimes, or hate crimes against women (or those who identify as women) where the male perpetrator is aged 18 or under

In response to your final question, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. I can advise you that misogyny / crimes against women is *not* a recognised hate crime in Scotland. Please refer to our [Responding to Hate SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/rfwdhysd/responding-to-hate-psos-sop-publication-scheme.docx)​ for more information.​

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.