| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0052  Responded to: 23rd January 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1) How many crimes have been recorded at supermarket stores in East Renfrewshire since 2017? Please can this be broken down by the name of the supermarket, street address and town/village address.

## 2) Relating to question 1, please can you provide the type of offence (such as shoplifting, criminal damage, etc) recorded at each supermarket store in East Renfrewshire since 2017?

In response to these questions, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, the crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility whereby specific premises such as supermarkets can be automatically identified, nor is it possible to carry out a search of the systems by premises type.

As such, the only way to establish whether a crime occurred within a supermarket would be to carry out case by case assessment of all crime reports from the time period requested – an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

If you can provide a list of specific supermarkets, depending on the numbers involved, we may be able to assist.

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.