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

## After further thought and advice, please can I please refine my request again (to shorten the time frame): 1. The number of records of contact, reported incidents, and recorded crimes from the past 12 months (1 January 2024 - 1 January 2025) of suspected modern slavery within the waste sector. Please can you provide a breakdown of the number of reports per year.  (`if you cannot retrieve the waste sector element please provide the data in relation to modern slavery offences only).

We are unable to search by occupational sector as such, 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.

However, to be of assistance, I can confirm that for 2024 there were 1061 National Referral Mechanisms. A national referral mechanism shows a potential victim of Trafficking. Pleased note that this figure refers to all human trafficking offences and doesn’t reflect how many were within the waste sector.

2. Of the offences in question 1 please provide the outcomes.  
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 information would be to manually read each National Referral Mechanism. Given the number provided above, this is an exercise that would certainly exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

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.