| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2763  Responded to: 05 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I would like details covering the last two calendar years on the following:**

**1. The number of recorded crimes and charges where the individuals involved were identified as refugees or asylum seekers.**

**2. Any recorded figures relating to offences committed against refugees or asylum seekers during this period.**

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, there are no markers etc. available on our crime recording systems which would identify an accused or complainer as being an asylum seeker/ refugee at the time of the offence. Each crime report would need individually reviewed to establish whether these details were recorded and identify those relevant to your request – an exercise which would clearly far exceed the cost limit set out in the Act.

**3. The total cost incurred by Police Scotland in providing protection or policing services to asylum accommodation and hotels, broken down annually.**

**4. Where possible, please provide a breakdown of costs that covers staffing, overtime, and any specific operations linked to the policing of asylum seeker accommodation.**

The information sought is not held and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Police Scotland does not routinely record the costs or policing hours associated with any specific operation or investigation.

The nature of policing means that officers are deployed to wherever their services are most required and the number of officers required throughout an investigation will constantly fluctuate.

Officers can be involved in one or multiple investigations and can be redeployed to other duties at any given time.

Additionally, officers will be drawn from different areas, based on their skill set and expertise, with the appropriate Division meeting the cost of their core time.

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.