| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1441Responded to: 23 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please would you let me know in writing if you hold information of the following description, relating to sexual offences recorded in schools:**

**For the following years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 (until as recently as possible):**

**1) The total number of reports received by the constabulary for the crimes listed below that have taken place in schools in the area covered by the force:**

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| **Home Office Codes:** |  |
| **01713** | **Assault on a male by penetration.** |
| **01714** | **Assault of a male child under 13 by penetration.** |
| **01715** | **Sexual Assault on a male.** |
| **01716** | **Sexual Assault on a male child under 13.** |
| **01907** | **Rape of a female aged under 16.** |
| **01908** | **Rape of a female aged 16 or over.** |
| **01909** | **Rape of a male aged under 16.** |
| **01911** | **Attempted rape of a female aged under 16** |
| **01912** | **Attempted rape of a female aged 16 or over.** |
| **01913** | **Attempted rape of a male aged under 16.** |
| **01916** | **Rape of a female child under 13 by a male.** |
| **01917** | **Rape of a male child under 13 by a male.** |
| **01918** | **Attempted rape of a female child aged under 13 by a male** |
| **01919** | **Attempted rape of a male child aged under 13 by a male** |
| **01927** | **Rape of a female aged under 16. Multiple Undefined Offenders** |
| **02003** | **Assault on a female by penetration.** |
| **02004** | **Assault of a female child under 13 by penetration.** |
| **02005** | **Sexual assault on a female.** |
| **02006** | **Sexual assault on a female child under 13.** |
| **02117** | **Causing a child under 13 to watch a sexual act - offender under 18** |
| **02122** | **Sexual activity with a female child aged under 13 -  offender aged  under 18 - no penetration** |
| **02123** | **Sexual activity with a male child aged under 13 - offender aged under 18 - no penetration** |
| **02124** | **Causing or inciting a female child aged under 13 to engage in sexual activity - offender aged under 18 - no penetration** |
| **02125** | **Causing or inciting a male child aged under 13 to engage in sexual activity - offender aged under 18 - no penetration** |
| **02405** | **Causing or encouraging prostitution/sexual intercourse/indecent assault with girl under 16** |
| **07100** | **Abuse of children through prostitution and pornography (child prostitution & pornography)** |
| **07101** | **Arranging or facilitating the commission of a child sex offence** |
| **07102** | **Paying for sex with a female child under 13 - penetration** |
| **07103** | **Paying for sex with a male child under 13 - penetration** |
| **07104** | **Paying for sex with a female child under 16 - no penetration** |
| **07105** | **Paying for sex with a male child under 16 - no penetration** |
| **07106** | **Paying for sex with a female child aged 16 to 17** |
| **07107** | **Paying for sex with a male child aged 16 or 17** |
| **07108** | **Causing or inciting child prostitution or pornography - child aged 13 to 17** |
| **07109** | **Controlling a child prostitute or a child involved in pornography - child aged 13 to 17** |
| **07110** | **Arranging or facilitating child prostitution or pornography - child aged 13 to 17** |
| **07111** | **Causing or inciting child prostitution or pornography - child under 13** |
| **07112** | **Controlling a child prostitute or a child involved in pornography - child under 13** |
| **07113** | **Arranging or facilitating child prostitution or pornography - child under 13** |
| **07114** | **Paying for sex with a female child aged under 16 - penetration** |
| **07115** | **Paying for sex with a male child aged under 16 - penetration** |
| **07117** | **Engage in sexual communication with a child (Serious Crime Act 2015)** |
| **08602** | **Taking, permitting to be taken or making, distributing or publishing indecent photographs or pseudo photographs of children** |
| **08610** | **Possess an indecent photograph or pseudo-photograph of a child** |
| **08615** | **Possess prohibited images of children** |

**E.g. “There were a total of X reports of crime 07117 made to the force in 2020, Y in 2021, etc.”**

**I provide a link to the response by the Metropolitan Police to a similar request:**

[**https://www.met.police.uk/foi-ai/metropolitan-police/disclosure-2023/november-2023/sexual-offences-recorded-schools-january2017-september2023/**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.met.police.uk%2Ffoi-ai%2Fmetropolitan-police%2Fdisclosure-2023%2Fnovember-2023%2Fsexual-offences-recorded-schools-january2017-september2023%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C2e1073e77b664eef9a9408dd8d7a59f2%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638822278840700921%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zlGykPTGWmMSmtEiPLEBhvO4KNH5dTGvlp8C0dPNyuU%3D&reserved=0)

**I would like a copy of the information and would prefer for it to be sent by email if possible.**

**If any part of the information requested is covered by one or more of the absolute exemptions in the Act please treat this request as a request for that part of the information which is not covered by the absolute exemption.**

**If you need further details in order to identify the information requested or a fee is payable please let me know as soon as possible.**

**If you are of the view that there may be further information of the kind requested but it is held by another public authority please let me know as soon as possible. Please continue with this application as quickly as possible.**

**I believe that the information requested is required in the public interest for the following reasons:**

**1. To uphold public confidence that the council has thorough policies on the type of information it is obliged to record.**

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, for the time period covered by your request, we have no means by which all crimes in schools can be automatically identified on our systems.  The only way, therefore, to approach your request, would be to review the locus details of every sexual crime report for relevance, or, alternatively, search each individual school address.

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 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 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.