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

**The ethnicity and nationality of those charged with child sexual abuse offences between 1 January 2025 and 1 June 2025. I understand that it is not mandatory to collect this information, but please provide it for all cases where it was collected.**

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 is no crime classification of 'child sexual abuse'. There are some sexual offence classifications which contain the age of the victim however others do not but still may relate to a child victim. Each would need to be reviewed to determine the ethnicity & nationality of accused - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations. During 2023 a Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) flag was added to Police Scotland's new national case system. If it is of interest, we may be able to provide figures for the time period specified for those cases.

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.