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

**I would be grateful if you could provide the following data for the calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024:**

**a) For each recorded offence involving the handling of an offensive weapon (specifically blades or pointed articles) within the Stirling Council area, please provide:**

* **The type of offence (e.g. used, not used in criminal activity)**
* **The year the offence occurred**
* **The location of the offence** 
  + **Ideally to the level of postcode sector (e.g. FK7 9) or geographic coordinates, whichever is available and appropriate.**

**b) If available, please also include:**

* **Whether the offence occurred in a public space, private residence, educational setting, or custodial facility similar to FOI/202500457624 (**[**https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-202500457624/?utm\_source=chatgpt.com**](https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-202500457624/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)**)**
* **The age of the individual involved, or an age band where that is standard practice (e.g. “under 18”)**

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, we would need to individually examine every crime report to establish the requested details - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of assistance, crime stats broken down by Multi Member Ward area can be accessed via the following link: [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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.