| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1567  Responded to: 26th May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please can you tell me the number of times police were called out to schools in scotland due to pupil behaviour each year for the past five years?

## i.e. 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

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, I can advise that we are unable to automatically search our incident recording system to extract incident data based on the use of a general locus, in this case: “school”. The only way to provide an accurate response to your request would therefore be to manually review each individual incident report from January 1st, 2020, onwards to assess their relevancy within your specified locus. Unfortunately, given the volume of reports that would be required to be read through for this five-year period, this exercise would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

However, to be of assistance, should you wish to resubmit your request with address details of schools you have a particular interest in, we may be able to provide further information regarding incidents attended there.

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.