| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1578  Responded to: 26 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please can you tell me how many times the following methods of force were deployed by this force against people aged 65+, disaggregating the data by exact age and by the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.  
 CED/Taser  
 Firearms  
 Spit and bite guard  
 Irritant spray - including PAVA and CS   
 AEP  
 Baton  
 Dog bite  
Ideally the information will be provided in a spreadsheet for each year with the first column being the type of force and the following columns being the ages of those affected. Please let me know if you need clarification/ an illustration of what I require.**

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 facility available on Police Scotland systems which would allow for the automatic retrieval of this level of information. Each recording of Use of Force from the specified time period would need to be individually reviewed to ascertain whether the individual involved was aged over 65+.

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.