| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0712  Responded to: 05 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding crimes reported to your officers where the platform OnlyFans was mentioned and or recorded in the reporting of the crime.   
I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for the period 1st January 2020 to 31 December 2024.

## 1. Fraud/Financial Crimes:

## The number of reported crimes involving fraud, blackmail, or financial scams/crimes where OnlyFans was mentioned.

## The number of reports specifically involving:

## Subscription fraud.

## Identity theft.

## Chargeback fraud.

## Please provide any information held by your officers on:

## The total financial losses reported in fraud cases involving OnlyFans.

## The average financial loss per case.

## The number of cases resulting in arrests or prosecutions.

**2. Coercion & Exploitation**

* **The number of reports mentioning controlling or coercive behaviour (as defined under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015) involving OnlyFans.**
* **The number of Modern Slavery Act offences recorded where victims were forced to create content on OnlyFans.**
* **The number of reports involving:**
* **Revenge porn.**
* **Stalking.**
* **Harassment.**
* **Threats against OnlyFans creators.**

**Please break down data (where available) into the following criteria:**

* **The demographics of victims (e.g., age, gender) where available.**
* **The number of cases involving organized crime groups.**
* **The number of cases resulting in safeguarding interventions.**

## 3. Underage Content & Exploitation

## The number of child exploitation or grooming-related crimes recorded where OnlyFans was mentioned.

## The number of reports where minors were found to be using or appearing on OnlyFans.

## The age range of minors involved.

## The number of cases involving parental or guardian coercion.

## The number of cases involving 3rd part coercion (other than a parent).

## The number of cases resulting in prosecutions under the Protection of Children Act 1978.

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 cannot conduct a full key word search of Crime Reports for 'only fans' and there are no searchable fields/ markers etc which would make such research possible.  The only way to determine this information in an accurate way would be to manually review all potentially relevant crime reports.

Notwithstanding, you should note that crime classifications in Scotland differ from those in England and Wales and Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 does not extend to Scotland.​

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.