| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-3142  Responded to: 01 October 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**How many times were the police called to incidents involving online activity, online safety and smartphones in East Dunbartonshire schools between the years of 2019-2025 or up to as recently as data is available, and for the five years preceding that.**

**This would include, *but not be limited to* incidents of things like:**

* **Online bullying**
* **Photographs taken or shared without consent**
* **Inappropriate content either recorded or shared**
* **Locations shared in a dangerous way**
* **Children acting out trends they see online**
* **Abuse in online chats**

**Basically, anything involving the online/social media space, for which police have attended an East Dunbartonshire school. I do not want any details of the incidents - just the anonymised data on numbers.**

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.

Firstly, whilst incidents are categorised on our incident recording system STORM, there is no category specific to the circumstances outlined in request, and any such instance could be recorded under various categories.

Furthermore, there is no marker etc. available which would identify a locus as being a school. All incident reports would need to be reviewed for relevance.

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.