| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-3354  Responded to: 14 October 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Would it be possible to get the statistics in relation to sextortion crimes? More specifically, in the most recent statistical year, the number of sextortion crimes reported by Under 14s, the number of sextortion crimes reported by victims aged 14-16 and those over the age of 16?

## Could it be for the whole of Scotland and then also just for Edinburgh area?

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications, however there is no Scottish crime classification relevant to your request.  Such offences might be recorded as threats and extortion, fraud, non-consensual sharing of intimate images ​etc. There are no markers etc that would identify what might be classed as 'sextortion' specifically.

The only way to collate this data in an accurate and concise manner would be to manually and individually assess all crime reports for relevance. This is clearly a considerably time-consuming exercise, as such 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.

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.