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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide information for the following for the years: 2022, 2023 and 2024.

## 1. How many incidents did you attend which involved a person possessing a crossbow?

## 2. How many people under the age of 18 were found to be in possession of a crossbow?

## 3. Of the overall number of incidents, how many involved a fatality?

## 4. How many crossbows did you seize per year?

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.

To explain, neither the incident nor crime recording systems in use have a searchable field or flag to indicate the use of a crossbow specifically meaning, as a minimum, all possession/ use of an offensive weapon crime reports would have to be individually assessed 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.