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

**Please provide the following data for the period January 2020 – December 2024.**

**Please provide the total number of incidents classified as 'theft of a motor vehicle' where the stolen vehicle was specifically a 'van' or 'light commercial vehicle' (LCV) within your police force area.**

**I am specifically interested in the theft of vans, and kindly request that you exclude data relating to 'theft from a vehicle' or 'vehicle interference'.**

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, crimes are recorded in accordance with [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) and not thereafter sub-categorised. In this instance, theft of motor vehicle crimes are not sub-categorised by vehicle type nor are there markers available on our systems to automatically identify the type of vehicle being a van or light commercial vehicle.

As such only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to individually examine every crime report for the time period requested - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.