| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1467Responded to: 21 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. In the financial years 2022/23, 23/24 and 24/25, how many people between the ages of 10-17 charged by Police Scotland were given a custodial sentence for homicide, attempted murder, assault or robbery using a knife, blade or other sharp instrument? (Note: for each of these crimes, we are looking for instances where a knife or other offensive weapon was involved.)**

**2. Of those who were given a custodial sentence, how many of these were previously handed either a custodial or community sentence for possession of a blade or sharp instrument?**

**If it is not possible to provide the information as it exceeds the cost of compliance limits, please provide advice and assistance as to how I can refine my request.**

Police Scotland does not hold information regarding convictions and sentencing and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and/ or the Scottish Courts Service.

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 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 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.