| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-1350  Responded to: 09 June 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many call outs have there been made to Police Scotland concerning 16 – 18-year-olds who are suicidal between the following periods?

## How many call outs have there been made to Police Scotland concerning a person under the age of 16-years-old between the following periods?

## April 2018 – April 2023

## Having considered your request in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

## As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

## As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

## By way of explanation, Police Scotland’s incident recording system does not have an age field for persons involved in incidents. As such each potentially relevant incident would have to be read to see if an age is recorded and then collate this information.

## To illustrate, a recent request showed that for 2022 there were 106,562 [Concern for Persons Incidents](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/disclosure-log-2023/january/23-0020-incident-stats-concern-for-person-by-division-2022/). Therefore this is 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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.