| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0893  Responded to: xx April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please can I request under the Freedom of Information Act, for each financial year (separately) from 2017/18 to 2023/24:

## 1. The number of recorded offences of 'Having in a school an article with a blade or point where it was used in criminal activity', where a victim was physically injured or killed

## 2. The number of recorded offences of 'Possession of an offensive weapon in a school where it was used in criminal activity', where a victim was physically injured or killed

## If the above is not held or easily retrieved, please can I instead receive:

## - breakdowns of the offences listed in question A, broken down by year and the other criminal activity linked to this crime

## - breakdowns of the offences listed in question B, broken down by year and the other criminal activity linked to this crime

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, there are no searchable markers within the crime reports for use of an offensive weapon/ knife in a school which would indicate whether or not a person was injured or killed as a result.

Researching your request would therefore require the individual assessment of all such crime reports to establish if relevant to your request. We have no means of automatically identifying other crime reports linked to the same event.

To be of assistance, data for the crime classifications mentioned in your request can be found online: [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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.