| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2879  Responded to: 10 December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to know how many occasions police officers confiscated illegal drugs from people in Shetland over the last five years (please provide actual number of cases of possession and intent to supply).

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available through our Police Scotland website and I have provided a link below for assistance.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/t51ao2tv/management-information-report-2024_25-quarter-1-aggregated-file.xlsx>

## I would like the information broken down by year (January to December for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and from January to October 2024). I also ask you to provide the average age of people for each year, with the youngest and oldest also highlighted separately.

Having considered this question, 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 be of some assistance, I have included a link below which provides further information.

[Data Publication - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/stop-and-search/data-publication/)

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.