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

**How many people have been ‘officially accused’ of possession of cannabis in Edinburgh in each year since 2015?**

**How many people have been ‘officially accused’ of production, manufacture, or cultivation of cannabis in Edinburgh in each year since 2015?**

**How many people have been ‘officially accused’ of supply of cannabis inc. possession with intent in Edinburgh in each year since 2015?**

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 in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications and are not thereafter sub-categorised. Drug related offences are not sub-categorised by drug type. As such, we would need to carry out case by case assessment of all detected drug offences to establish whether related to cannabis - an exercise which would clearly far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of some assistance, recorded and detected drug offences broken down by Multi Member Ward area are available on our website: [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.