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

## For each of the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25, please provide:

## A breakdown of all crimes recorded by Police Scotland where the offender was under 18 years old, including the number of recorded crimes by offence category (e.g. serious assault, robbery, sexual assault, threatening or abusive behaviour, etc.).

## Where available, a further breakdown of these offences committed by children:

## (a) under 9 years old, and

## (b) under 12 years old.

For the period covered by your request, there is no means of automatically retrieving the requested information. The only way to collate the information in an accurate and concise manner would be to manually review all relevant crime reports to extract and note the age of the accused.

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.

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.