| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2808  Responded to: 19 September 2025 |
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## Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **Has this police force ever requested or collected biometric data—such as fingerprints, photographs, or videos—from an educational establishment or an educational supplier? This pertains to educational institutions from Nursery through S6 and excludes institutions for students beyond S6.**
2. **If the answer to question 1 is yes, please specify the types of biometric data obtained (e.g., fingerprints, photographs), the number of individuals involved, and whether this data was shared with any other entities such as Prevent.**
3. **If the answer to question 1 is yes, have any convictions been secured based on data obtained from a school biometric database?**
4. **If the answer to question 1 is yes, has any biometric data been added to the police database? If so, please provide the number of data subjects' biometric records added each year.**

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, the information requested is not centrally recorded.

Police Scotland can request photographs, videos, biometrics etc. from any organisation during the course of an investigation and the record of those activities would be recorded in the crime report and associated records. We cannot however search such reports/ records on that basis.

To assist with question 3, I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold information regarding any convictions. You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and/ or the Scottish Courts Service.

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.