

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2021-2877
Date: 25 January 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

- 1) how many unlicensed music events/raves did you record as having occurred in each of the last four full calendar years, plus 2021 to date, in your area?**
- 2) how many unlicensed music events/raves did you disperse in each of the last four full calendar years, plus 2021 to date, in your area?**

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I would first of all advise you that Police Scotland will only hold details of such events where they have been reported to the police (incidents) and/ or where criminality has occurred (crimes).

In relation to “illegal rave/unlicensed music event” attended by officers, I’m afraid I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process this part of your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

To explain, when the police are contacted with regard to an ongoing incident, these incidents are categorised, but unfortunately there is no specific category which relates to ‘illegal raves’ and any potentially relevant incidents would be recorded under one of a series of more general categories – noise, disturbance etc.

The process of assessing all potentially relevant incidents I estimate is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

However to be of assistance I can provide that for the time period requested there were no crimes recorded under the relevant Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification code – Raves, crimes against public order.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foidundee@scotland.pnn.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

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If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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