

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2088
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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.

I wish to know the number of football banning orders handed out in the seasons 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22. Can you also break this down by year and by club?

I must first clarify that the attached table provides the number of cases, correct as at 30/09/2022, where a Football Banning Order (FBO) could have been *issued* as opposed to *sought*.

To explain, there have been occasions where Sheriffs have granted FBO's where an FBO has not been "sought" or mentioned as a consideration by the reporting officer.

Furthermore, the FBO authority relies on Procurator Fiscal returns as well as match reports sent by Police Scotland to identify such cases where an FBO may be a disposal. However, it cannot be guaranteed that all such cases have been identified.

Please note that due to the court process, cases can be issued up to two years after the offence, and therefore there may be some cases still to be completed by the Procurator Fiscal.

On that basis the requested information is attached – document 22-2088 *Data* refers.

If you require further assistance or 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.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.

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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.