| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1241  Responded to: 12 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like data on recorded violent crimes associated with licensed premises in Edinburgh, specifically comparing Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs) and nightclubs.

## Please provide, where available:

## The number of recorded violent incidents (including assault, sexual assault, robbery, etc.) linked to:

## Strip clubs (SEVs), and

## Nightclubs, from 2017 to 2024.

## If possible, a breakdown by:

## Venue name or postcode.

## Year of incident.

## Whether the incident occurred inside the premises or immediately outside (e.g. at closing time).

## Any available contextual notes or categorisation of venues used in the dataset.

## If the data cannot be split by venue type, I would be grateful for any alternative format that distinguishes SEVs from other licensed premises.

In accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, we cannot identify premises based on classification provided. To extract the requested information would require us to physically examine all relevant crime reports and this task would take in excess of the 40 hours and £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

If you provide a list of premises and addresses you are interested in, we will consider your request, however, I would ask that you note that licensing procedures may restrict the publication of crime data in relation to individual licensed premises.

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.