| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 23-2990Responded to: xx December 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I have a request for information regarding police call outs in the Westhill area of Aberdeenshire, specifically the postcode AB32 6BP.

## Can I please request the following information:

## 1. Any and all communications between Police Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council surrounding the Hampton by Hilton hotel in Westhill (Gordon Park, Elrick, AB32 6BP) in the past year.

## 2. Any documents relating to refugees at the hotel going back one year, i.e. since December 2022.

*For ease, Q1 and Q2 have been answered together.*

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) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, any officer or member of staff could potentially hold information of relevance to your request.

We have no means by which all correspondence held can be searched in terms of recipient type and/ or subject matter.

Accordingly we would have to individually search the email accounts of all North East officers and staff, as well as network drive areas, both common and personal - an exercise which would clearly exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

## 3. The number of police call outs to the hotel, broken down to monthly sections, going back five years.

I have interpreted your request to refer to police attendance following a reported incident at the specified locus between 1st January 2018 and 30th November 2023.

No other assumptions regarding the circumstances or any persons involved can be made.

The requested information is provided in tables 1 and 2 below:

**Table 1 – Attended Storm Incidents, Hampton by Hilton, Aberdeen, AB32 6BP
1st January 2018 to 31st December 2022 by Calendar Month.**

| **Initial Incident Type** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec** | **Jul** | **Dec** | **Apr** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **Sep** | **Mar** |
| Public Nuisance | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disturbance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Communications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hate Crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assist Member of the Public | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| External Agency Request | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sexual Offence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assault | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Damage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Missing Person/Absconder | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sudden Death | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Domestic Incident | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abandoned/Silent 999  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Concern For Person | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Road Traffic Matter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** |

**Table 2 – Attended Storm Incidents, Hampton by Hilton, Aberdeen, AB32 6BP
1st January to 30th November 2023 by Calendar Month.**

| **Initial Incident Type** | **2023** |
| --- | --- |
| **Feb** | **Mar** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** |
| Public Nuisance | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disturbance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Communications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hate Crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Assist Member of the Public | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| External Agency Request | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sexual Offence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Assault | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Damage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Missing Person/Absconder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sudden Death | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Domestic Incident | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abandoned/Silent 999 Call | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Concern For Person | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Road Traffic Matter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **3** | **3** | **8** | **1** |

## 4. The number of crimes reported at the hotel, broken down to monthly sections, going back five years. Could the types of reported crime also be presented please?

The information requested is provided in Table 3 below:

**Table 3: Recorded Crimes, Hampton by Hilton, Aberdeen, AB32 6BP
1st January 2018 to 30th November 2023, Calendar Month.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Crime Bulletin Category** | **2018** | **2021** | **2023** |
| **Dec** | **Jul** | **Sep** | **Oct** |
| Group 2 - Sexual Crimes | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Common Assault | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Threatening and abusive behaviour | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Total** | **3** | **1** | **1** | **1** |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 08/12/2023.

Specified areas have been selected using GIS Mapping. The Grid East and Grid North recorded on the Incident, relates to the location Police Officers have been directed to attend. A keyword search was carried out for 'Hampton by Hilton' to identify relevant records.

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 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 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.