

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1178
Date: 17th June 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.

I'm getting in touch regarding football related arrests. I'd like to know how many arrests have been made in Scotland regarding football related matters between August 2017 and May 2018, August 2018 and May 2019, August 2019 and May 2020, August 2020 and May 2021, and August 2021 and May 2022

I'd also like to know what the offences were

In response to your request, I must first of all advise you that Police Scotland do not flag crime reports as 'football related'. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

Please note that, if it is of interest to you, we may be able to provide data on crimes which occurred during particular football matches where such data has been included in post match reports. For example, please see a previous FOI Response regarding three Scottish Premiership matches during November – December 2021:-

[21-2808 - Police Reports re. three Scottish Premiership matches - Nov/Dec 21 - Police Scotland](#)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, quoting the reference number given.

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.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalrnarnock, 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.

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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.