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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 would like a summary of calls to police where the logs include the word 'paranormal activity' from January 2019 to date.

I must firstly advise you that whilst incidents are categorised, there is no specific category which relates to the type of incident referred to in your request.

As such, a keyword search of ""Paranormal"" and ""Paranormal Activity"" was carried out on the incident description and Comment 180 fields within the incidents recorded by call handlers on Police Scotland's incident recording system, STORM.

The table below provides the number of incidents recorded on STORM which mention 'Paranormal' or 'Paranormal Activity', between 1st January 2019 and 28th February 2022.

FINAL INCIDENT TYPE	2019	2020	2021	2022
PUBLIC NUISANCE	0	4	2	0
POLICE INFORMATION	2	0	3	0
FALSE CALL	0	1	1	1
ASSIST MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC	1	7	5	0
EXTERNAL AGENCY REQUEST	0	0	1	0
SUSPECT PERSONS	0	2	1	0
MISSING PERSON/ABSCONDER	0	0	1	0
ABANDONED/SILENT 999 CALL	0	0	1	0
CONCERN FOR PERSON	1	2	3	0
TOTAL	4	16	18	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 11th March 2022. The data was extracted from the Storm Unity Database using the incident's raised date and all incident types have been included.

If possible I would like the information to be broken down on a month by month basis with a brief summary of the incident, and if possible any action taken. If the scope of this request is too broad please just provide a brief summary.

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The table at the end of this document provides a further breakdown of these reports, by month, divisional area and a brief description of each.

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, 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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Year	Month	Division	Incident Type	Brief Description
2019	Feb	Tayside	Police Information	Paranormal Investigation taking place
2019	Apr	Edinburgh City	Concern for Person	Paranormal Investigator experiencing activity
2019	May	Tayside	Police Information	Paranormal Investigation will be taking place
2019	Dec	Tayside	Assist Member of Public	Experiencing Paranormal Activity at locus
2020	May	Lanarkshire	Assist Member of Public	Caller used to host Paranormal events
2020	Jun	Edinburgh City	Concern for Person	Noises in house which may be Paranormal
2020	Jun	Tayside	Suspects Person	Paranormal Group investigating locus
2020	Jun	Glasgow City	Assist Member of Public	Paranormal light at locus
2020	Aug	Dumfries & Galloway	Assist Member of Public	Paranormal activity at locus
2020	Aug	Edinburgh City	Assist Member of Public	Paranormal Activity Hunter posting YouTube videos
2020	Oct	Lothians & Borders	Public Nuisance	Caller out looking for Paranormal Activity
2020	Nov	Ayrshire	Assist Member of Public	Possible Paranormal Activity taken place
2020	Nov	Forth Valley	Suspects Person	Voices head - Males monitoring Paranormal Activity
2020	Dec	Glasgow City	Assist Member of Public	Caller experiencing paranormal activity – black creatures coming out of wall
2020	Dec	Lothians & Borders	False Call	Caller watching paranormal activity and was on edge – believed someone in house
2020	Dec	Fife	Public Nuisance	Paranormal Activity Group travelling outwith Tier area
2020	Dec	Glasgow City	Assist Member of Public	Experiencing Paranormal Activity
2020	Dec	Fife	Public Nuisance	Paranormal Activity Group breaching Covid-19 restrictions
2020	Dec	Lothians & Borders	Public Nuisance	Youths knocking doors asking whether Paranormal Activity has been experienced
2020	Dec	Glasgow City	Concern for Person	Caller speaking about Paranormal Activity
2021	Jan	Glasgow City	Assist Member of Public	TV Cecil Hotel, Paranormal etc.
2021	Feb	Lothians & Borders	Missing Person/Absconder	Paranormal incident experienced
2021	Feb	Ayrshire	Concern for Person	Female in Facebook Group called Paranormal Activity
2021	Feb	Glasgow City	Police Information	Problem with vest, same as Police vests, wants Paranormal on it

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2021	Mar	Highlands & Islands	Concern for Person	Haunted by ghost of child – experiencing paranormal activity
2021	Apr	Lanarkshire	External Agency Request	Male experiencing paranormal attack
2021	May	Edinburgh City	Police Information	Email received re. black magic & paranormal activity in Italy
2021	May	Lothians & Borders	Public Nuisance	Large group on Ghost Hunt live on Facebook – Project Paranormal
2021	Jun	Glasgow City	Abandoned/ Silent 999 Call	Female walking round hotel investigating paranormal activity
2021	Jul	Highlands & Islands	Assist Member of Public	Persons accessing private site for Paranormal Activities
2021	Jul	Ayrshire	False Call	Paranormal Activity within locus
2021	Aug	North East	Police Information	Planned Paranormal Investigation at locus
2021	Aug	North East	Assist Member of Public	Was part of paranormal research group a few years ago
2021	Sept	North East	Public Nuisance	Paranormal Groups attending locus looking for ghosts
2021	Oct	Fife	Concern for Person	Not Paranormal experience – friends texting calling as a joke
2021	Oct	Tayside	Suspect Persons	Broken into locus and streaming online – paranormal activity
2021	Nov	Lanarkshire	Assist Member of Public	Thinks there are paranormal things at property
2021	Dec	Edinburgh City	Assist Member of Public	Grave opened and disturbed remains while doing paranormal investigations without consent
2022	Jan	Highlands & Islands	False Call	Caller advised they intend to have a paranormal investigation conducted at locus