| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2027  Responded to: 17 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **Incident logs or callouts between 2015 and 2024 from known Showpeople’s yards or fairground sites located in Govan, Dalmarnock, Carntyne, Shettleston, Cowcaddens, Cuningar Loop, and Whiteinch.**

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) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, we cannot search incidents on basis of locus being a ‘fairground’/ ‘showpeople’s yard’. Therefore all would need to be manually assessed for relevance - an exercise which would clearly exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of assistance, we may be able to provide incidents relating to specific yards if you are able to provide actual addresses/ locations and dates for each. If you wish to proceed with this, please get back in touch with the details and we will log as a new FOI request.

1. **Internal guidance, protocols, or community liaison documents concerning policing, safety, or engagement at those yards or in relation to establishing residence (caravans, chalets, etc.) or utilities connected with the Showpeople community.**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. By way of explanation, the management of encampments on public land/ utilities is a matter for the Local Authority in whose area the encampment is established. If the encampment is on private land, the Local Authority retains responsibility for monitoring it and liaising with the landowner. Police Scotland are only involved if there are any safety concerns or criminal issues.

Police Scotland do not have any community advisors at this moment, but it is something we are working towards.

To be of assistance, link attached for the internal guidance we have at this time regarding [Gypsies/ Travellers: Response to Unauthorised Encampments](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/policies-and-procedures/guidance-documents/guidance-documents-g-i/) – there is no guidance specifically relating to ‘Showpeople’s yards’ or ‘fairground sites’.

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.