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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing due to frequent correspondence from constituents in the Portobello and Craigmillar areas of Edinburgh, with residents very concerned at the level of gang violence and intimidation in the area.**

**As you will be aware, numerous instances of antisocial behaviour have been documented for a while now, and local residents are paying the price. Incidents such as stabbings and firebombings are now not uncommon, which is wholly unacceptable.**

**I would therefore like to ask:**

**- How many of the publicised arrests for ‘gang wars’ have resulted in people being bailed?**

**- Of the arrests in Portobello for stabbings, how many of those charged have been bailed?**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To explain, “bail” is something that is set by the court, and not Police Scotland. As such, you may wish to direct your enquiry to the Scottish Court Service (SCS) or the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS).

To be of some assistance to you, recorded and detected crime stats are available, broken down by Multi Member Ward (MMW) on our website: [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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.