| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1373  Responded to: 22 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please can you advise whether your force has received reports / complaints about QR code stickers / adverts promoting drug sales in public places, in the two years to the end of March 2025.

## If so, how many incidents have been reported?

## Please outline the locations, if possible.

## How many arrests have you made in connection with these stickers?

## Please outline the nature of the arrest, and whether any arrests have resulted in a charge.

Police Scotland have no specific classification in relation to QR codes. The only way to determine this data would be to manually review all 'drug' incidents for relevance to your request.

This is clearly an exercise that would far exceed the 40-hour time limit outlined within the Act. As such I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request and I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.