| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2933  Responded to: 16 December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 can you please provide;

## The Findings Report from the Review commissioned by A/Superintendent Jim McMillan of your policing roles, responsibilities, and commitments at public events.

I can advise you that Police Scotland does not hold the requested information. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

To explain, there is not a Findings Report.

## Details of the consultation undertaken associated with this Review.

A/Superintendent Jim McMillan carried out the following:

Four internal meetings with Operational Planning Team (Not minuted)

Attendance at community events

Engagement with officers deployed to events and those responsible for planning the events

Officer insights from divisional Wellbeing Forum (Not minuted)

Scottish Police Federation reporting resource challenges/days off cancelled

Divisional Overtime/Budget meetings

Meetings with the Local Area Commanders and Community Policing Inspectors (Not minuted)

Correspondence with senior Police officers

Liaise with Dumfries & Galloway Council

Any event organiser who raised concerns was sent a holding response

## A copy of the Impact Assessment associated with implementing the findings of this Review.

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To explain, this will be discussed with event organisers once the plans for their 2025 events are known, and once we have risk assessed them to identify the proportionate number of officers who should be in attendance.

## A copy of the new Policy associated with support to community event now being implemented by Police Scotland and confirmation of whether this is a National or Divisional position.

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By way of explanation, only Dumfries & Galloway have sent correspondence to the Local Authority on 13 November 2024, however all divisions engage on a regular basis with Local Authorities and other partners in relation to the need for police to be deployed to events.  This engagement varies significantly in terms of frequency and the type of engagement and includes discussions at meetings and conversations in relation to specific events and event planning more generally.  Such engagement will have taken place over several recent years.   It is not possible to provide information on every communication in relation to assessing the need for police to deploy to events.

Please note Local Policing Divisions within Police Scotland engage with local partners and stakeholders in relation to a variety of issues including the policing of local events.  Engagement in relation to the policing of events takes place across the country with a range of partners, including the Local Authorities, throughout the year and indeed on a daily basis.

The correspondence sent from Dumfries & Galloway Division to the Local Authority is not a new position or approach that is being adopted either locally or nationally. The need for police to deploy resources to events has always been based on threat and risk and all events are subject to a threat assessment to determine if police are required.

Police Scotland have always supported partners to ensure the delivery of safe and secure events across the country and this support and commitment remains.  However, it is only right that we ensure that police resources are deployed when there is a need to do so based on threat and risk.  Proportionate resource deployment to events ensures more resources remain within local communities providing essential policing services to the public.

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.