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

**How many occasions in the 12 months from 08th July 2024 that police Scotland sniffer dogs were deployed in the dressing rooms of artists at their concerts?**

**Can you also provide the names of the artists and the cost of deployment please.**

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

By way of explanation, Police Scotland have, at no point, deployed dogs to search within the confines of an artist’s dressing room.

To be of assistance, event organisers may employ third party civilian handlers/ dogs to search a venue, and this may or may not include dressing rooms.

This however, is information Police Scotland would not hold, and I would defer to the event organisers as to which private sector companies they would have used and their deployment criteria.

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.