| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1665  Responded to: 26 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**How many Orange parades have been sanctioned to take place in Scotland between 1 June 2025 and 30 September 2025?**

## In terms of section 17 of the Act, we do not hold this information.

## To explain, the responsibility for sanctioning public processions lies with the relevant local authority for each procession location.

Police Scotland do receive notification from Local Authorities, as we are required to provide observations under specific categories i.e. Likelihood of Disorder, Likelihood of Disruption to the Community etc. and to consider what policing resources will be applied (given that these are a statutory right policing costs are not recoverable from the organiser).

However, please note that notifications received does not necessarily mean sanctioned or going ahead as any application could subsequently be refused by the local authority or withdrawn by the organiser.

To assist, I can advise that all public processions are publicly available on all local authority websites. For example:

Stirling Council : [Register of public processions | Stirling Council](https://www.stirling.gov.uk/business-and-licences/licences-permits-and-permissions/public-processions-and-parades/public-processions/register-of-public-processions/)

Glasgow City Council: [All Public Processions](https://onlineservices.glasgow.gov.uk/forms/futureprocessions/FutureProcessions.aspx)

Additionally, I can advise that organisers only require to give the Local Authority 28 days’ notice, therefore the list of parades published up to 30 September 2025 is liable to additions or cancellations.

**On the basis that every one of these will have some commitment of Police Scotland officers’ time, how many “man hours” have been budgeted to provide police presence at these parades?**

## Resource considerations are made during the notification process with the local authority. Therefore, the information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

## Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law Enforcement

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. The requested information could be used to calculate how and when resources are allocated. This would then provide a tactical advantage to those with criminal intent when planning or perpetrating any unlawful activities and maximise the impact of destruction, harm and disruption that may be caused, whilst avoiding being brought to justice

**Section 39(1) - Health, safety and the environment**

## One of the main purposes of the Police Service is to protect individuals and members of the public, to disclose the requested information would be contrary to that purpose

**Public Interest Test**

As you will be aware, the exemptions listed above are non-absolute and require the application of the Public Interest Test.

I would suggest that public accountability may favour disclosure, given that the information concerns the efficient and effective use of resources by the organisation. Likewise, disclosure of the information would also inform the public debate on the issue of policing and contribute to the accuracy of that debate.

However, any disclosure under FOI legislation is a disclosure to the world at large and any information identifying the focus of policing activity could be used to the advantage of criminals.

Consequently, in terms of the applicability of the exemptions listed above, the need to ensure the effective conduct of the service in relation to prevention and detection of crime and the public safety considerations involved in the delivery of operational policing clearly favour non-disclosure of the information requested.

Accordingly, I would argue that the need to ensure the efficient and effective conduct of the service favours non-disclosure of the information requested and on balance is significantly in the public interest.

## To assist, although resource considerations are made during the notification process with the local authority, as stated above they can subsequently be refused or cancelled. Additionally, the nature of policing means that officers are deployed to wherever their services are most required on the day and the number of officers required at each event will fluctuate, depending on the size of the event and nature of other incidents as officers can also be redeployed to other duties at any time, dependant on their skillsets.

## What is the average hourly salary of a Police Scotland officer?

Please note, such parades are a statutory right therefore policing costs are not recoverable from the organiser.

In response to your question, I can advise the information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Service Fees and Charges - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/finance/service-fees-and-charges/)

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.