| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0487  Responded to: 05 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding police responses to noise-related disturbances and out-of-control parties in residential areas.

## Specifically, I would like to request the following data:

## The total number of times officers were dispatched to residential properties in response to noise complaints in each of the following years: 2023, 2024 and 2025 (to date, if available).

## The total number of incidents recorded under any of the following categories at residential addresses (or equivalent classification used by your force) in each of the same years:

## “Noise Nuisance” (if recorded separately)

## “Anti-Social Behaviour – Noise”

## “Breach of the Peace” (related to residential properties)

## “Public Order Offences” related to disorderly gatherings in residential properties

## Any other category used to record responses to out-of-control parties in residential settings.

## If possible, a breakdown of the top 10 residential postcodes or neighbourhoods within your jurisdiction where officers were dispatched most frequently for noise complaints or disorderly gatherings in each year.

In relation to extracting any information in relation to the above noted offences, in accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. To explain, to identify noise complaint call outs specifically to residential addresses we would need to manually research each individual incident which would take well in excess of 40 hours as per Scottish Government guidelines.

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.