

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2577  
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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**This is an information request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. I am seeking information regarding reports of deflated SUV tyres.**

**Please disclose**

- 1. How many reports of deflated tyres have Police Scotland recorded in Dundee.**
- 2. Please provide individual details of each vehicle damaged, namely:**
  - a. Date of report**
  - b. Description**
  - c. How many tyres on the vehicle were deflated**
  - d. The vehicle make and model.**

**For this request I am interested in the figures for 2020-2022.**

Having considered your request in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, there is neither an incident or crime criteria to allow for automatic retrieval of this level of information. Incidents and crimes of this nature would likely be classified as vandalism and therefore each report of this nature would have to be examined to establish the specifics in your request.

To illustrate at the end of Q4 of the financial year 2021/22 there are 1,318 incidents of vandalism and 1,531 crimes recorded as vandalism/malicious mischief in the Dundee Council area. Therefore this is an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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You can access our published crime and incident statistics via the following link: [How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at [foidundee@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foidundee@scotland.police.uk) quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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