| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0328  Responded to: 27 February 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please disclose a log of every incident reported to your force involving the search terms ‘beer’ or ‘lager’ between June 1 2022 and September 31 2022.

I cannot emphasise strongly enough that Police Scotland do not consider key word searches for specific words/ phrases to be an accurate means of analysis in most circumstances - however we do have the ability in our STORM incident recording system to conduct such searches.

You should note that there may well be incidents of relevance which do not include the specific words/ phrases you have chosen.

You should also consider that a keyword search will undoubtedly include incidents not relevant to your request - for example where the keyword hit has been a mere coincidence rather than directly relevant.

Further, we cannot exclude hits where the search term is part of a word or has been a misspelling of a different word.

In response to your request, please see the following table which details recorded incidents, containing "Beer" or "Lager" broken down by Initial Incident Type and calendar month - June to September 2022.

| **Initial incident type** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Intruder | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Personal attack alarm | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Public nuisance | 48 | 48 | 38 | 28 |
| Drugs/substance misuse | 4 | 9 | 7 | 6 |
| Disturbance | 33 | 41 | 43 | 29 |
| Abandoned vehicles | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Noise | 5 | 14 | 12 | 5 |
| Drinking in public | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| Neighbour dispute | 6 | 11 | 5 | 6 |
| Communications | 10 | 9 | 14 | 7 |
| Hate crime | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| External force request | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Task incident | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Lost/found property | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Police information | 6 | 4 | 10 | 6 |
| Special events/operations | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Police generated activity | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Assist member of the public | 20 | 31 | 24 | 33 |
| Message for delivery | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Bail/curfew/address checks | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Licensing | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Domestic bail check | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| External agency request | 2 | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| Abduction/extortion | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sexual offence | 9 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Theft | 47 | 56 | 64 | 57 |
| Vehicle crime | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Housebreaking | 1 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| Suspect persons | 10 | 15 | 7 | 6 |
| Assault | 21 | 21 | 16 | 17 |
| Damage | 12 | 15 | 10 | 13 |
| Other crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Public demo | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Firearms incident | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Bomb threat | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Suspicious incident | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Planned shoot/pest control | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Fires | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Explosion | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Utilities incident | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemical spillage | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Animals | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Waterborne incident | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Missing person/absconder | 17 | 15 | 19 | 11 |
| Sudden death | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Unauthorised encampment | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Domestic incident | 24 | 37 | 25 | 20 |
| Abandoned/silent 999 call | 17 | 9 | 10 | 7 |
| Concern for person | 66 | 85 | 86 | 74 |
| Insecure premises | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Child protection | 9 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| Road traffic collision | 7 | 14 | 8 | 6 |
| Road traffic matter | 32 | 41 | 32 | 29 |
| Rail incident | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Maritime incident | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Road traffic offence | 12 | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| Total | 449 | 534 | 515 | 412 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 23/2/2023. The data was extracted using the incident's raised date.

Keyword search was carried out for "Beer" or "Lager" within the Incident's Description and Comment field. Relevant records were then selected.

Error and transferred incidents have been removed.

## For each incident, please also disclose the time of the incident if recorded on the log.

The table below details the time the incident was recorded by Police Scotland.

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| **Time begins with** | **No.** |  | **Time begins with** | **No.** |
| 00 | 85 |  | 13 | 95 |
| 01 | 53 |  | 14 | 108 |
| 02 | 47 |  | 15 | 119 |
| 03 | 33 |  | 16 | 137 |
| 04 | 23 |  | 17 | 128 |
| 05 | 30 |  | 18 | 118 |
| 06 | 15 |  | 19 | 141 |
| 07 | 26 |  | 20 | 163 |
| 08 | 22 |  | 21 | 123 |
| 09 | 40 |  | 22 | 125 |
| 10 | 51 |  | 23 | 83 |
| 11 | 63 |  | **Grand Total** | **1910** |
| 12 | 82 |  |  |  |

## Please disclose the incident exactly as it was recorded on each log, redacting any identifiable information which may prohibit disclosure. For example: ‘A male called (redacted) that he had a pint of lager smashed off his head inside Cube Nightclub by two individuals’

In terms of section 16 of the Act, I am therefore refusing to provide you with this information and I am therefore required to provide you with a notice which:

(a) states that it holds the information,

(b) states that it is claiming an exemption,

(c) specifies the exemption in question and

(d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that the information sought is held by Police Scotland and the exemptions I consider to be applicable are sections 34(1) (Investigations) and 38(1)(b) (personal information).

To be of assistance, we have included the incident categories in the table provided.

It is also considered highly likely that section 12 (excessive cost) would be engaged were any attempt at redaction made given the volume of incidents recorded.

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.