

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1805
Date: 17th October 2022



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 relating to purchases of LGBT merchandise, visits to LGBT pride parades, and the wrapping of police vehicles in rainbow decorations. Please include the information for each of the following periods; 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22:

- **Annual purchases of LGBT+ merchandise (for example, rainbow flags, bunting, lanyards, wristbands, stickers, balloons, pins) including the total quantity of LGBT+ merchandise purchased and the expenditure. Please provide a breakdown of what was purchased**

I can confirm that no Police Scotland funds were used to purchase any of the above noted merchandise.

To be of some assistance however, I can advise that the Scottish LGBTI Police Association is funded by a grant provided by the Scottish Government and they did have some expenditure in this regard.

The association spent the following amounts on various promotional items, printing, ICT subscriptions, travel and conferences etc over the period requested.

2020	2021	2022
£4,843.02	£4,189.12	£5,682.99

- **Annual expenditure on wrapping police vehicles in rainbow decorations and the number of vehicles wrapped. Please provide pictures if possible**

I can confirm that Police Scotland do not have any vehicles with rainbow livery/wrapping and so the expenditure is nil.

- **Whether or not the police force has attended any Pride events in the mentioned financial years, including which events, the number of officers which attended the events, and how much was spent attending each event**

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Please find the requested information below which I have broken down by Police Division. I would ask you to note that a number of Pride events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and so the lack of police attendance in these years is simply down to the events not taking place.

In relation to cost, officers who policed events were on duty and so no additional costs were incurred.

A Division - North East

2019/20 – Grampian Pride – 13 Officers
2021/22 – Grampian Pride (Winter Parade) – 8 Officers
2021/22 – Grampian Pride – 10 Officers
2021/22 – Elgin Pride – 3 Officers

C Division - Forth Valley

No events recorded

D Division - Tayside

2019/20 – Perthshire Pride – 9 Officers Supporting Procession, 3 Officers running a police stall
2019/20 – Dundee Pride – 18 Officers Supporting Procession, 12 Officers involved in the event
2021/22 – Perthshire Pride – No parade but a police stall was set up on one day to provide advise regarding hate crime, officer numbers not noted

E Division - Edinburgh

2019/20 – Edinburgh Pride – 33 Officers
2021/22 – Edinburgh Pride – 30 Officers

G Division - Greater Glasgow

Whilst we do have events recorded in 2019/20, due to some officers being deployed and some volunteering to take part, the requested figures are not held. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by Police Scotland.

J Division - The Lothian & Scottish Borders

2019/20 – West Lothian Pride – 9 Officers
2021/22 – West Lothian Pride – 7 Officers with a number of Police Scotland Youth Volunteers.

K Division - Renfrewshire & Inverclyde

2021/22 – Trans Pride Paisley – 9 Officers

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L Division - Argyll & West Dunbartonshire

2019/20 – Oban Pride – 2 Officers
2021/22 – Oban Pride – 4 Officers

N Division - Highlands and Islands

No events recorded

P Division - Fife

2019/20 – Kirkcaldy Pride – 7 Officers

Q Division - Lanarkshire

No events recorded

U Division - Ayrshire

No events recorded

V Division - Dumfries & Galloway

No events recorded

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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 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 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.