

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1108
Date: 15th June 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.

1) For the financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22, please tell me how many reports you have received of fireworks being set off illegally in a public space.

The table below provides the number of Firework incidents, recorded on Police Scotland's incident recording system STORM, from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2022.

Incident Classification	2020/21	2021/22
Firework Incident	1,512	880

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 30th May 2022.

Please be advised that the only way to determine the circumstances and whether the locus for each incident was in a public space, would be to carry out case by case assessment of each incident report.

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.

2) Please provide me with copies of the MOs for all firework-related incidents in 2020/21 and 2021/22 which mention the terms "football" and "hotel", redacting any details which would otherwise fall foul of Section 40(2). For each MO, please state the a) date and b) time when the offence was allegedly committed, or if this is not available, the time when the report was made, as well as the c) location.

NOTE: For your information, I am searching for reports of football fans attempting to disturb rival clubs' sleep by setting off fireworks outside their hotels the night before a match. Please find a media report about one such incident here for context: <https://www.skysports.com/football/news/11669/11713807/police-confirm-fireworks-set-off-outside-barcelona-hotel-ahead-of-liverpool-tie>

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A keyword search of “Football” and “Hotel” was carried out on the incident description and Comment 180 fields within the Firework Incidents recorded on STORM.

I can confirm that there are no Firework incidents recorded on STORM which mention both “Football” **and** “Hotel”, between 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2022.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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.