| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1767  Responded to: 03 July 2025 |
| --- | --- |

Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I would like to formally request the full voice transcripts of both calls under FOI act**

Your request is technically a Subject Access Request(SAR)and it will therefore be considered in terms of the Data Protection Act 2018/ GDPR as explained on our [website](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/data-protection/subject-access-requests).

Our Data Protection team will contact you separately in relation to your SAR.

Because you mentioned FOI in your request, we are required by law to provide this *additional* response in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 specifically.

In terms of section 18 of that Act, I am therefore refusing to confirm or deny whether Police Scotland holds information about you.

The public interest overwhelmingly lies in protecting your right to privacy and your own personal data is exempt from disclosure in terms of the exemption at section 38(1)(a).

I understand that this response may be confusing in the circumstances, but I would stress that this is the response to your FOI request only - a SAR will be progressed separately.

**Are Police Scotland vehicles equipped with tools to measure exhaust noise levels?**

This question was answered in our response letter to you which was issued on 17 June 2025 - FOI 25-1027. Police vehicles do not have noise detectors fitted as standard.

**Where and when (exact time, date, weather conditions) was the recent Burdiehouse enforcement action on noisy exhausts conducted?  
What instruments were used, and how many fines or formal actions have been issued in this area to date?**

To explain, there has been no directed enforcement carried out by Police Scotland in relation to noisy exhausts in the Burdiehouse area of Edinburgh and in terms of section 17 of the Act, the information sought is therefore not held.

**Is there a legal dB limit for how much noise an exhaust can emit?**

In the UK, the current legal noise limit for new car exhausts is 72 decibels (dB) measured at 0.5 meters from the exhaust pipe

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.