| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2896  Responded to: 12 December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many police divisions in Police Scotland have notified local authorities of their intention to no longer have a police presence at local events if a risk assessment deems that appropriate. Please provide the date of any such notifications and the date they come/came into effect. As an example, I am aware of Dumfries & Galloway division making such a notification.

Only Dumfries & Galloway have sent correspondence to the Local Authority on 13 November 2024, however all divisions engage on a regular basis with Local Authorities and other partners in relation to the need for police to be deployed to events.  This engagement varies significantly in terms of frequency and the type of engagement and includes discussions at meetings and conversations in relation to specific events and event planning more generally.  Such engagement will have taken place over several recent years.   It is not possible to provide information on every communication in relation to assessing the need for police to deploy to events. Therefore, unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request and I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

Please note Local Policing Divisions within Police Scotland engage with local partners and stakeholders in relation to a variety of issues including the policing of local events.  Engagement in relation to the policing of events takes place across the country with a range of partners, including the Local Authorities, throughout the year and indeed on a daily basis.

The correspondence sent from Dumfries & Galloway Division to the Local Authority is not a new position or approach that is being adopted either locally or nationally. The need for police to deploy resources to events has always been based on threat and risk and all events are subject to a threat assessment to determine if police are required.

Police Scotland have always supported partners to ensure the delivery of safe and secure events across the country and this support and commitment remains.  However, it is only right that we ensure that police resources are deployed when there is a need to do so based on threat and risk.  Proportionate resource deployment to events ensures more resources remain within local communities providing essential policing services to the public.

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.