| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-2060Responded to: 27 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please state how many reports your police force received on the 5th and 6th of July 2025 regarding potential Terror Offences in relation to Palestine Action, which is now a proscribed terror group.**

**For the avoidance of doubt, this should include all reports received at any time on these two days, including reports sent electronically via email or via your website, as well as reports received via phone, in person, or any other way.**

I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland in terms of section 18 of the Act. Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

* It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held.
Whilst we accept there is a public interest in the transparency of policing operations and capability, the overwhelming public interest lies in safeguarding national security and the integrity of law enforcement generally.
* If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure. In this instance, the following exemptions apply:

Section 31(1) – National Security and Defence

Information is exempt information if it is required for purpose of safeguarding national security.

Disclosure of this information would undermine any ongoing or future operations to protect the security or infrastructure of the United Kingdom and increase the risk of harm to the public.

The public entrust the Police Service to make appropriate decisions with regard to their safety and protection and the only way of reducing risk is to be cautious with what is placed into the public domain.

The cumulative effect of terrorists gathering information from various sources would build a picture of vulnerabilities. The more information disclosed over time will provide a more detailed account of the tactical infrastructure of not only a force area but also a country as a whole. Any incident that results from such a disclosure would by default affect National Security.

Section 34(1)(b) – Investigations by a Scottish public authorities and proceedings arising out of such investigations.

Information is exempt information if it has at any time been held by Police Scotland for the purposes of an investigation which may lead to a decision to make a report to the Procurator Fiscal to enable it to be determined whether criminal proceedings should be instituted.

Section 35(1)(a)&(b)– Law enforcement

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

To provide the requested data, if held, for an individual force, would allow comparison between forces across the country and enable terrorists to build a picture of the effectiveness of what resources are in place and where they are deployed. Disclosure would ultimately prejudice the effectiveness of the national counter terrorism effort and would allow inferences to be drawn about force level counter-terrorism activity and identify vulnerability around the country. This is a non-absolute exemption and requires the application of the public interest test.

**Public interest**

The security of the country is of paramount importance and Police Scotland will not divulge any information which could undermine National Security or compromise Law Enforcement. Whilst there is a public interest in the transparency of policing operations and capability, there is a very strong public interest in safeguarding both national security and the integrity of law enforcement generally. As much as there is public interest in knowing that policing activity, is appropriate and balanced in matters of national security, this will only be overridden in exceptional circumstances.

Security measures are put in place to protect the community that we serve. To reveal the information requested would provide individuals intent on carrying out criminal behaviour, details of policing activity. This would ultimately increase the risk of harm to the general public and significantly undermine any ongoing or future operations to protect the security or infrastructure of the United Kingdom and increase the risk of harm to the public.

Consequently, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of non-disclosure.

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 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 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.