| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-2183Responded to: 25th July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## As of 1st July 2025:

## How many police stations are there in West Lothian? Please specify locations

There are currently 7 Police Stations within West Lothian. The location of these stations are: Livingston, Bathgate, Broxburn, Whitburn, Linlithgow (new partnership centre), Armadale and West Calder.

## Of those police stations, how many have any police presence? Please specify which ones

I can confirm that all police stations listed above have a police presence.

## Of those police stations, how many have a 24-hour police presence? Please specify which ones

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

Section 35(1)(a) and (b) – Law Enforcement

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would or would be likely to prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime.

To publicly identify sites which have a 24 hour police presence would ultimately identify those which do not have 24 hour police presence and as such, would put the security of those sites at risk. The identified sites may be at risk from those with criminal intent, who wish cause damage to the sites specifically or to manipulate critical infrastructure, this would provide a tactical advantage when planning or perpetrating any unlawful activities and maximise the impact of destruction, harm and disruption that may be caused, whilst avoiding being brought to justice.

## Section 39(1) Health, Safety and the Environment

As noted above, disclosing information relating to sites with 24 hour police presence has the potential to harm critical infrastructure. Any harm caused may affect the ability of the Police Scotland to react to any ongoing situation, the main purpose of the organisation is to protect individuals and members of the public, to disclose the requested information would be contrary to that purpose.

## Public Interest Test

I believe that public accountability may favour disclosure, given that the information concerns the efficient and effective use of resources by the organisation. Additionally, disclosure of the information would also inform the public debate on the issue of policing and contribute to the accuracy of that debate.

However, any disclosure under FOI legislation is a disclosure to the world at large and any information identifying the focus of policing activity could be used to the advantage of criminals.

Consequently, in terms of the applicability of the exemptions listed above, the need to ensure the effective conduct of the service in relation to prevention and detection of crime and the public safety considerations involved in the delivery of policing clearly favour non-disclosure of the information requested.

Accordingly, I would argue that the need to ensure the efficient and effective conduct of the service favours non-disclosure of the information requested and on balance is significantly in the public interest. I cannot identify any corresponding viewpoint in disclosing the requested information and therefore the exemptions are upheld.

I must advise you that it is doubtful it could ever be in the public interest to disclose information which would jeopardise the delivery of policing and the safety of individuals or prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

## 4. Of those police stations, how many are unmanned? Please specify which ones

None of the police stations listed above are unmanned.

## As of 1st January 2007:

## How many police stations were there in West Lothian? Please specify locations

I can confirm that there were 10 police stations in West Lothian as of 1st January 2007. The locations of these stations were: Livingston, Bathgate, Broxburn, Whitburn, Linlithgow (old county building), Armadale, West Calder, Mid Calder, Fauldhouse (moved from station to partnership centre following it being built) and Blackburn.

## Of those police stations, how many had any police presence? Please specify which ones

I can confirm that all 10 police stations had a police presence.

## Of those police stations, how many had a 24-hour police presence? Please specify which ones

I can confirm that 6 of the stations listed above had a 24 hour police presence. These were: Livingston, Bathgate, Broxburn, Whitburn, Linlithgow and West Calder.

## Of those police stations, how many were unmanned? Please specify which ones

I can confirm that none of the stations listed above were unmanned.

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.