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## 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.

**The number of times police have received an alert through a staff panic button being pressed at Asda Kirkton, Derwent Avenue, Dundee, this year so far and in each of 2021 and 2020.**

**The number of times these alerts generated a police response and whether this was done remotely or officers attended in person.**

Section 18 of the Act is engaged given the following two conditions are met:

- It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held
- If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure in terms of one or more of the exemptions set out in sections 28 to 35, 38, 39(1) or 41 of the Act.

The overwhelming public interest lies in maintaining the tactical integrity of panic buttons/ personal attack alarms as an invaluable policing tool.

It is accepted that there is significant interest in awareness as to incidents and criminality at premises the public visit however, it cannot be in the public interest to confirm whether or not information is held when to do so would reveal the existence and location of panic buttons across Dundee and other communities.

To explain - not applying section 18 to any and all requests seeking such information would mean that for premises with no panic button, we would have to reply in terms of section 17 of the Act - information not held - thereby identifying them.

That would significantly increase the vulnerability of any such premises to crime and place those who work and visit the premises at increased risk of harm.

In this instance, the following exemptions are assessed to apply:

Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law Enforcement  
Section 39(1) - Health Safety and the Environment

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**The total number of calls police have received to crimes being reported at Asda Kirkton, Derwent Avenue, Dundee, in 2022, 2021 and 2020 - categorised by the nature of the crime being reported.**

Recorded Crimes, 7 Derwent Avenue, Dundee. 1 January 2020 to 31 October 2022

<b>Crime Bulletin Category</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Serious Assault (incl. culpable & reckless conduct - causing injury)	0	1	1
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	1	2	0
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	0	1	0
Common theft	6	0	7
Theft by shoplifting	51	59	54
Fraud	1	4	3
Other Group 3 crimes	1	3	1
Fireraising	0	1	2
Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)	0	5	3
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)	1	0	0
Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	1	0	0
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	1	0	0
Possession of drugs	1	0	0
Bail offences (other than absconding)	0	1	0
Other Group 5 crimes	0	0	1
Common Assault	1	1	4
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	0	0	3
Breach of the Peace	0	1	0
Threatening and abusive behaviour	9	4	6
Other Group 6 offences	1	1	0
Other Group 7 offences	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>

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 22nd November 2022.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at [foidundee@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foidundee@scotland.police.uk) 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](mailto: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.

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You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto: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.

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