| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0852  Responded to: 02 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **The total cost of policing football matches in Scotland during 2024, 2023, 2022 (to include the costs of policing inside stadiums and land owned by clubs, as well as the costs of managing travelling supporters or maintaining order outside grounds).**
2. **A breakdown of who has met these costs in each of those years by: a) Police Scotland; b) football clubs; c) local authorities; d) others**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, we are generally unable to provide the true cost of any police investigation/ operation or particular type of event. The nature of policing means that officers are deployed to wherever their services are most required, and the number of officers required throughout will fluctuate.  Officers can also be redeployed to other duties at any time, dependant on their skillsets.

To be of assistance, I can provide the total cost recovery billed to football clubs and advise that Local Authorities do not meet any of the associated costs.

*Table: Total cost recovery billed to football clubs – financial years 2021/22 – 2024/25 (to date)*

| **Financial Year** | **Total cost recovery billed to football clubs** |
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| 2021-22 | £1,866,182 |
| 2022-23 | £2,117,502 |
| 2023-24 | £2,422,928 |
| 2024-25 | £2,149,347 |
| **Total** | **£8,555,959** |

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.