| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0943Responded to: 24 April 2025 |
| --- | --- |

Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to make the following request under the FOI act. I would like it to cover the period between 16/2/2025 - 17/3/2025.

## I would like to ask for all internal communication at Police Scotland in relation to the policing of the Celtic vs Rangers game on Sunday 16th of March. I would like this to include - but not be limited to - any discussion of the use of powers under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 which were authorised. I would also like this to include - but not be limited to - any specific communication (written or verbal) with regard to the enforcement of Section 60 against the group of fans on the London Road area of the city, near the Celtic Supporters Association.

## I would like to ask for all communication between Police Scotland and Celtic Football Club (this includes any employees of Celtic Football Club) in relation to the policing of the Celtic vs Rangers game on Sunday 16th of March. I would like this to include - but not be limited to - any discussion of the use of powers under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 which were authorised. I would also like this to include - but not be limited to - any specific communication (written or verbal) with regard to the enforcement of Section 60 against the group of fans on the London Road area of the city, near the Celtic Supporters Association.

## Note: I am not requesting information on any live proceedings or investigations resulting from the match day policing. Rather I am requesting information on the planning that went into the policing on the day of the game. Therefore exemptions under Sections 30 and 31 should not apply. However, if any part of this request cannot be fulfilled for any reason, I would request that the other parts of the request are still be fulfilled.

With regards to providing internal correspondence for the Celtic v Rangers football match on Sunday 16th March I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested. Therefore in accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, to identify any communication regarding the policing of this football match would involve contacting various divisions/departments/Police Commanders. These include G division, Q Division, G Division Operational Planning, Events West, Operational Support Division – Mounted, Air support, Training. This would take a considerable amount of time and the task would well be in excess of the £600 and 40 hours prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

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.