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

**1. Football-Related Offences**

**For each football season from 2014–2015 to 2024–2025 (inclusive), please provide:**

**a) The number of recorded offences identified as football-related or that occurred at, in connection with, or in proximity to professional football matches in Scotland.  
b) A breakdown of the types of offences (e.g. breach of the peace, use of pyrotechnics, assault, sectarian abuse, alcohol-related offences, public disorder, etc.).  
c) Where available, the stadiums or match venues at which the offences were recorded.**

**If this information is not directly retrievable, please clarify:**

* **Whether any tags, markers, or keywords are used in Police Scotland’s systems to identify football-related incidents.**
* **Whether relevant information can be sourced from match-day policing reports or public order deployments linked to fixtures.**

there are no search markers or searchable fields within our crime recording system that would indicate a crime or offence was 'football related'.  Following a football match, details of any alleged criminality/ arrests etc would be captured in post-match reports. The only way to collate the requested data would be to manually search every post-match report. Therefore, whilst we may be able to provide data on a per match basis, anything more extensive is not possible within the cost threshold set out within the Act.

As such 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.

## 2. Football Banning Orders (FBOs)

## For each football season from 2014–2015 to 2024–2025, please provide:

## The number of Football Banning Orders (FBOs) issued by Scottish courts. b) If available, the offence types that led to the FBOs being issued (e.g. violence, pyrotechnics, racist or sectarian behaviour).

For the number of recorded Football banning orders (FBO) issued for the seasons 2015- 2025, please see the table below.

Please note that FBOs may be awarded in a different season that the original offence took place and there are still a number of individuals who have committed football related offences with an FBO requested who are still progressing through the Judicial System. As such this is not a fully comprehensive view on the amount of FBOs issued.

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| Season | FBOs Awarded |
| 2014-2015 | 84 |
| 2015-2016 | 170 |
| 2016-2017 | 42 |
| 2017-2018 | 35 |
| 2018-2019 | 68 |
| 2019-2020 | 25 |
| 2020-2021 | 9 |
| 2021-2022 | 58 |
| 2022-2023 | 59 |
| 2023-2024 | 44 |
| 2024-2025 | 14 |

There is no simple way to collate data for offence type. Each FBO awarded would have to be manually assessed for relevance to initial charges. Additionally the offence that a person was charged with may have been changed by the Crown Office resulting in them being convicted with a different charge. Each FBO awarded would need to be assessed for this data.

As such 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.

## c) Any notes on the process by which FBO data is gathered (e.g. via match reports, Procurator Fiscal returns, or other systems).

Data to support an FBO request is gathered through Procurator Fiscal returns, match reports and/ or post-match enquires.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.