

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2615
Date: 28th December 2022



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.

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I'm looking to get a crime rate record in that small area, would this be something we can request or talk to a representative about?

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland in terms of section 18 of the Act.

Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

- It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held

Whilst we accept that you may have a particular personal interest in being informed as to whether or not the information sought is held, the overwhelming public interest lies in protecting individuals' right to privacy and the expectation of confidence that the public have in Police Scotland as regards their information.

- 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

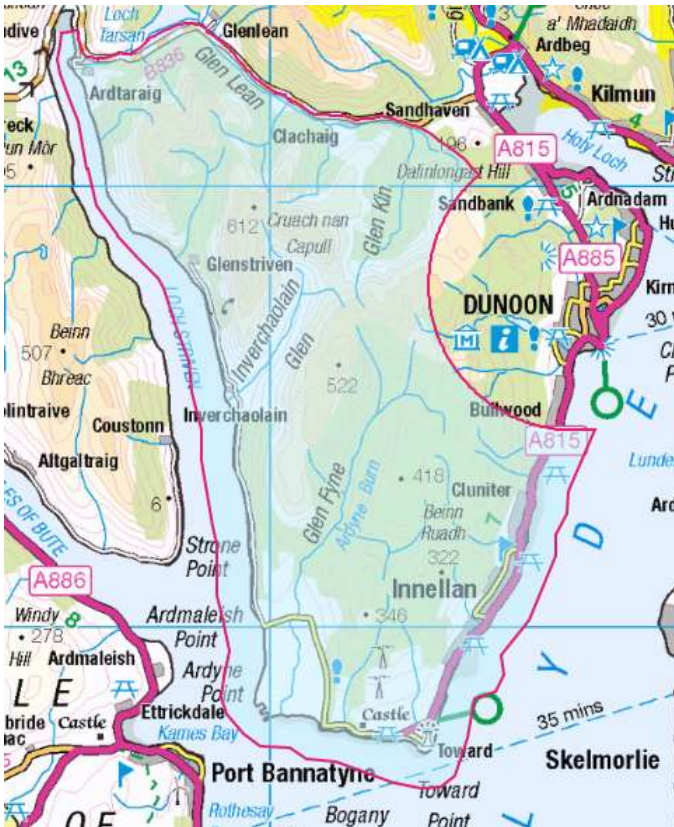
In this instance, sections 38(1)(b) and 38(1)(2A) of the Act apply insofar as you have requested third party personal data which is exempt from disclosure where it is assessed that disclosure would contravene the data protection principles as defined in the Act.

To further explain, we have assessed that there are 10 properties at this postcode and as such it may be easy to identify individuals.

To be of some assistance however, the tables at the end of this document provide the number of recorded and detected crimes within the wider area of Police Beat LB46, Argyll and Dumbartonshire, from 1st January 2017 to 30th November 2022.

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 19 December 2022.

The map below outlines the Police Beat area referred to.



Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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 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. You can apply [online](#), by email to 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.

Table 1: Recorded Crimes for Police Beat LB46

Period: 1st January 2017 – 30th November 2022

Crime Bulletin Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Other Group 1 crimes	0	0	0	0	0	1
Group 2 - Sexual Crimes	4	2	0	0	3	3
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	4	1	0	0	1	0
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non-dwelling	0	0	1	1	0	1
Theft of a motor vehicle	0	0	0	1	1	0
Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Insecure etc	0	0	0	2	0	0
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	1	1
Common theft	6	2	4	3	6	14
Fraud	2	0	0	2	5	1
Other Group 3 crimes	2	0	0	2	0	0
Fireraising	0	0	0	1	0	0
Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)	5	1	6	2	1	2
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)	0	2	0	0	0	1
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*	0	0	0	1	1	0
Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)	0	0	1	0	0	0
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	1	0	1	0	0	0
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	1	0	2	0	0	0
Possession of drugs	3	0	3	0	1	2
Bail offences (other than absconding)	0	0	0	1	1	0
Other Group 5 crimes	1	0	1	0	0	0
Common Assault	4	2	1	2	1	3
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	2	0	0	0	0	0
Threatening and abusive behaviour	6	3	5	4	1	5
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct	1	0	0	0	0	0
Drunk and incapable	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wildlife offences	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other Group 6 offences	2	1	2	2	4	3
Dangerous driving offences	1	0	0	0	2	1
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	1	0	0	1	1	2
Speeding offences	5	14	15	3	8	7
Failure to insure against third party risks	1	2	0	1	1	1
Seat belt offences	0	0	1	0	0	1
Mobile phone offences	0	0	0	0	0	1
Driving Carelessly	5	2	0	7	0	1
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	1	1	0	0	0	0
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	2	2	2	1	2	1
Other Group 7 offences	0	0	1	2	0	2
Total	63	35	46	40	41	54

Table 2: Detected crimes for Police Beat LB46

Period: 1st January 2017 – 30th November 2022

Crime Bulletin Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Group 2 - Sexual Crimes	3	0	0	0	2	0
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	2	0	0	0	0	0
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	1	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Insecure etc	0	0	0	1	0	0
Common theft	3	0	0	1	1	0
Fraud	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other Group 3 crimes	2	0	0	2	0	0
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)	0	2	0	0	0	1
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*	0	0	0	1	1	0
Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)	0	0	1	0	0	0
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	1	0	1	0	0	0
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	1	0	2	0	0	0
Possession of drugs	3	0	3	0	1	2
Bail offences (other than absconding)	0	0	0	1	1	0
Other Group 5 crimes	1	0	1	0	0	0
Common Assault	2	1	0	0	2	0
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	2	0	0	0	0	0
Threatening and abusive behaviour	4	3	5	4	1	3
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct	1	0	0	0	0	0
Drunk and incapable	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other Group 6 offences	1	0	1	1	2	1
Dangerous driving offences	1	0	0	0	2	1
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	1	0	0	0	2	2
Speeding offences	5	14	15	3	8	7
Failure to insure against third party risks	1	2	0	1	1	1
Seat belt offences	0	0	1	0	0	1
Mobile phone offences	0	0	0	0	0	1
Driving Carelessly	5	2	0	5	0	0
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	1	1	0	0	0	0
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	2	2	2	1	2	1
Other Group 7 offences	0	0	1	2	0	1
Total	45	27	33	24	26	22