| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1700  Responded to: 25th July 2025 |
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Please, first of all, accept my sincere apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

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

## Could you please explain to me why a band is deemed a security risk at a major festival, yet this same band can play a gig at the 02 Academy on Tuesday 8th July in the same city, on the week of the initial date they had been booked for?

## I am just looking for understanding of this decision.

As you may be aware, the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 provides a right of access to recorded information only. Section 8 of the Act states that in order for a request to be valid, an applicant must describe the information requested - which is not the same as asking for a statement to be created in response to a particular matter.

## We are unable to offer any comment therefore as regards the matters set out above.

## In terms of any pre-existing recorded information that would set out the Police Scotland ‘position’, such information is not held, and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

## Will there be a police presence at this gig, given the apparent security threat?

## For clarification, I am talking about the band Kneecap.

A proportionate policing response was in place in relation to a number of events taking place throughout Glasgow on the 8th July 2025.

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.