| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-1787  Responded to: xx July 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**How many times have fines been issued for contraventions of the Lerwick alcohol byelaw in Shetland in the last ten years (since 2013)?**

**If there have been instances, can you say when each one was issued and what was the value of each fine?**

Please be advised that statistics for recorded and detected offences are publicly available on the Police Scotland website.

As such, in terms of Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to provide you with the information sought. Section 16 requires Police Scotland when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

(a) states that it holds the information,

(b) states that it is claiming an exemption,

(c) specifies the exemption in question and

(d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested and the exemption that I consider to be applicable is set out at Section 25(1) of the Act - information otherwise accessible:

*“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under Section 1(1) is exempt information”*

The information you are seeking is available via the following link, using the Multi Member Ward (MMW) filter for Lerwick North and Lerwick South to capture the relevant offence, in this case ‘*Consumption of alcohol in designated places, byelaws proh.’*.

[How we are performing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/)

The next refresh, due in a couple of weeks, will include statistics from Q4 of 2022/2023 as well as information dating back to 2013.

As the information you have requested will be made publicly available on the internet in the near future, section 27(1) of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 applies: information is exempt information if it is intended for future publication within the next twelve weeks. This is an absolute exemption that does not require the application of a public interest test.

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.