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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.

We should like to know the number of break-ins or damaged windows etc to shops and other properties in Penicuik, Town Centre, especially in the Pedestrian Precinct of John Street. We would like this information for the past five years if possible.

In response to your request, please see the tables at the end of this letter.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foi@scotland.police.uk 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.

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Table 1: **Recorded** Crimes within **Multi Member Ward Penicuik**, Lothians and Scottish Borders Division
 Period: 1st April 2017 - 31st March 2022 (Financial Years)

Crime Bulletin Category	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	1	0
Serious Assault (incl. culpable & reckless conduct - causing injury)	7	4	5	8	4
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	1	2	1	1	3
Domestic Abuse (of female)	0	0	1	2	2
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	0	0	0	0	1
Threats and extortion	0	1	0	1	1
Other Group 1 crimes	1	1	0	1	0
Group 2 - Sexual Crimes	21	24	21	23	28
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	8	17	13	3	15
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non-dwelling	21	20	16	9	14
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	23	10	4	4	2
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	2	3	2	3	4
Theft of a motor vehicle	15	9	7	5	15
Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Insecure etc	21	11	13	8	6
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	3	0	0	0	0
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	5	3	4	1	2
Common theft	67	54	53	31	53
Theft by shoplifting	29	34	24	44	138
Fraud	13	15	21	24	40
Other Group 3 crimes	12	9	18	20	13
Fireraising	8	2	1	8	2
Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)	119	88	91	73	64
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	1	0	0	0	0
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)	3	2	3	6	5
Other Group 4 crimes	0	0	0	1	0
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*	0	4	0	5	1

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Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	3	2	5	4	4
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	0	1	2	1	2
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)	2	1	1	0	3
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	3	1	1	3	1
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	12	7	8	10	3
Possession of drugs	48	80	72	54	45
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	0	0	0	0	1
Bail offences (other than absconding)	16	23	29	103	33
Other Group 5 crimes	9	10	14	18	27
Common Assault	96	84	102	106	94
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	2	5	2	12	4
Breach of the Peace	6	0	3	3	0
Threatening and abusive behaviour	91	91	88	114	114
Stalking	1	8	5	0	6
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct	3	3	4	1	7
Drunk and incapable	3	1	0	2	0
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	1	1	4	3	1
Other alcohol related offences	0	5	5	2	4
Wildlife offences	1	1	0	1	0
Other Group 6 offences	26	33	35	36	49
Dangerous driving offences	2	3	0	4	3
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	6	12	6	7	12
Driving while disqualified	3	3	0	3	1
Driving without a licence	9	9	1	7	8
Failure to insure against third party risks	20	25	13	23	21
Driving Carelessly	5	4	6	3	4
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	5	3	4	5	5
Other Group 7 offences	29	38	45	26	30
Total	782	767	753	833	895

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Table 2: **Detected** Crimes within **Multi Member Ward Penicuik**, Lothians and Scottish Borders Division
 Period: 1st April 2017 - 31st March 2022 (Financial Years)

Crime Bulletin Category	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	1	0
Serious Assault (incl. culpable & reckless conduct - causing injury)	4	3	5	7	4
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	0	2	1	1	2
Domestic Abuse (of female)	0	0	0	2	2
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	0	0	0	0	1
Other Group 1 crimes	1	1	0	0	0
Group 2 - Sexual Crimes	12	12	11	17	10
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	3	5	5	1	11
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non-dwelling	6	1	0	0	4
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	8	5	2	3	0
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	1	0	1	0	1
Theft of a motor vehicle	7	4	1	3	8
Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Insecure etc	5	2	8	1	3
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	1	0	0	1	1
Common theft	17	13	15	9	10
Theft by shoplifting	26	23	10	13	70
Fraud	3	4	6	4	7
Other Group 3 crimes	6	7	11	8	7
Fireraising	5	1	1	1	1
Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)	35	15	20	27	17
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)	0	2	2	5	3
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*	0	4	0	4	1
Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	3	2	5	2	4
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	0	1	2	0	2
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)	1	2	1	0	3
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	3	1	1	3	1

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Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	11	6	9	7	3
Possession of drugs	50	79	71	55	33
Bail offences (other than absconding)	13	24	29	103	29
Other Group 5 crimes	8	10	13	17	25
Common Assault	58	51	66	76	51
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	2	5	2	12	4
Breach of the Peace	6	0	3	3	0
Threatening and abusive behaviour	75	85	77	97	87
Stalking	1	6	7	0	6
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct	3	2	4	1	6
Drunk and incapable	2	1	0	2	0
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	1	1	4	3	1
Other alcohol related offences	0	5	5	2	4
Wildlife offences	0	0	0	1	0
Other Group 6 offences	17	24	28	24	36
Dangerous driving offences	3	3	0	3	2
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	6	11	6	6	8
Driving while disqualified	3	3	0	3	1
Driving without a licence	7	9	1	7	8
Failure to insure against third party risks	19	25	13	23	20
Driving Carelessly	5	4	6	3	4
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	4	3	3	6	5
Other Group 7 offences	10	13	18	15	6
Total	451	480	473	582	512

Table 3: **Recorded** Crimes within **the specified area of Penicuik town centre**, Lothians and Scottish Borders Division

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Period: 1st April 2017 - 31st March 2022 (Financial Years)

Crime Bulletin Category	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	1				
Bail offences (other than absconding)	3		4	1	
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)	1	1			
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*		1		1	
Common Assault	12	6	8	11	7
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)				1	
Common theft	4	2	2	3	3
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	1		2	1	
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)	1			2	2
Dangerous driving offences				1	
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	1	1	1		1
Driving while disqualified				1	
Driving without a licence				2	
Drunk and incapable	2				
Failure to insure against third party risks	2	1	1	4	1
Fireraising	4	1		1	1
Fraud	3		1	1	
Group 2 - Sexual Crimes	1	2			
Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	2				
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house					2
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	5	4		1	
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	1				
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	1				
Other alcohol related offences		3	3		
Other Group 3 crimes			1		
Other Group 5 crimes	1		2	2	5
Other Group 6 offences	7	5	5	4	8
Other Group 7 offences	6	2	4	2	4

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Possession of drugs	4	7	4	6	3
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct	1	1			
Serious Assault (incl. culpable & reckless conduct - causing injury)	2	1			
Theft by shoplifting	15	3	4	5	8
Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Insecure etc	1		2		2
Theft of a motor vehicle				1	2
Threatening and abusive behaviour	12	11	12	8	7
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	2	1	1	2	2
Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)	9	9	10	2	2
Grand Total	105	62	67	63	60

Table 4: **Detected** Crimes within **the specified area of Penicuik town centre**, Lothians and Scottish Borders Division

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Period: 1st April 2017 - 31st March 2022 (Financial Years)

Crime Bulletin Category	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Bail offences (other than absconding)	3		4	1	
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)	1	1			
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*		1		1	
Common Assault	6	1	4	6	2
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)				1	
Common theft	2			1	
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	1		2	1	
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)				1	2
Dangerous driving offences				1	
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	1	1	1		1
Driving while disqualified				1	
Driving without a licence				2	
Drunk and incapable	1				
Failure to insure against third party risks	2	1	1	4	1
Fireraising	4		1		
Fraud	2			1	
Group 2 - Sexual Crimes		1			
Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	2				
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house					2
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	4	2			
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	1				
Other alcohol related offences		3	3		
Other Group 3 crimes			1		
Other Group 5 crimes	1		2	2	5
Other Group 6 offences	7	5	5	4	8
Other Group 7 offences	1		2	1	
Possession of drugs	4	7	3	4	4
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct	1	1			

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Serious Assault (incl. culpable & reckless conduct - causing injury)	1	1			
Theft by shoplifting	14	2		2	4
Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Insecure etc	1		2		2
Theft of a motor vehicle				1	
Threatening and abusive behaviour	12	10	11	7	7
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	2	1		3	2
Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)		2		1	1
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Grand Total	74	40	42	46	41

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 21st April 2022.

Crimes are extracted then mapped to the specified multi member ward and area of Penicuik town centre using ArcGIS software (based on the Grid East and Grid North). Please note, only records with a Grid East and Grid North are plotted and selected.

Please note, that crimes relating to the Covid-19 are not included.