| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1829Responded to: 29 August 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## [Re Whitelee, East Kilbride] - Could you tell me how many times you’ve been contacted about people on site, concerned neighbours, obviously the second fire.

My understanding of the area covered by your request is that it is a residential area with a small number of properties. On that basis, details of any incidents reported would amount to the personal data of the residents.

Personal data - where it is assessed that disclosure would contravene the data protection principles as defined in the Act - is exempt from disclosure in terms of section 38(1)(b) of the Act. The exemptions outlined at sections 34(1)(b) and 35(1)(a)&(b) of the Act also apply, on the basis that any information held would be held for the purpose of an investigation, and disclosure would prejudice the law enforcement functions of the force.

In terms of section 18 of the Act, I am therefore refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought is held by Police Scotland as the public interest overwhelmingly lies in protecting individuals’ right to privacy and honouring their expectation of confidentiality.

To be of assistance however, we can provide you with data regarding recorded anti-social behaviour incidents within a half mile radius of the location:

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| **Initial Incident Code** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| Intruder | 9 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 0 |
| Public nuisance | 71 | 105 | 102 | 45 | 25 | 32 |
| Disturbance | 94 | 98 | 99 | 55 | 65 | 43 |
| Noise | 44 | 47 | 32 | 26 | 11 | 2 |
| Housebreaking | 12 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| Total | 230 | 260 | 246 | 145 | 109 | 81 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as at 23/08/2024.
Data was extracted using the incident's raised date and selecting the following initial incident types:
AA-91-Intruder
AB-24-Public Nuisance
AB-28-Disturbance
AB-53-Noise
CR-67-Housebreaking
Out of Force and error incidents have been excluded.

## How much extra resources it’s required.

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

Police Scotland does not routinely record the costs or policing hours associated with any specific operation or investigation.

The nature of policing means that officers are deployed to wherever their services are most required, and the number of officers required throughout an investigation will constantly fluctuate.

Officers can be involved in one or multiple investigations and can be redeployed to other duties at any given time.

Additionally, officers will be drawn from different areas, based on their skill set and expertise, with the appropriate Division meeting the cost of their core time.

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 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 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.