| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2890  Responded to: xx December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request the following information as a freedom of information request.

## A list of all lost property handed to the police in Elgin and Inverness during 2024 to date. Please supply separate lists for Elgin and Inverness.

The table below provides recorded details of all found property at Burnett Road Police Station (Inverness) in 2024 (up to 05 December).

**Table 1: Found Property recorded at BRPS police station, Inverness – 2024 TD**

| **Category** | **General** | **Belladrum** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Air pods / Ear pods | 4 | - | 4 |
| Alcohol | 6 | - | 6 |
| Bags (Handbags, Rucksacks, Suitcases) | 78 | 15 | 93 |
| Cards (Bank, ID, Misc.) | 107 | 62 | 169 |
| Bikes | 60 | - | 60 |
| Cameras | 1 | - | 1 |
| Cardholder / Purse / Wallet | 138 | 19 | 157 |
| Cash | 16 | 1 | 17 |
| Clothing | 101 | 26 | 127 |
| Toys | 19 | - | 19 |
| Licences | 74 | 10 | 84 |
| Drone | 2 | - | 2 |
| Jewellery (incl. watches) | 123 | 17 | 140 |
| Electronics | 17 | - | 17 |
| Glasses / Sunglasses | 24 | 31 | 55 |
| Hearing Aids | 2 | - | 2 |
| Keys | 93 | 12 | 105 |
| Medication | 2 | - | 2 |
| Mobiles | 125 | 66 | 191 |
| Passports | 22 | 2 | 24 |
| Sgian Dhu | 4 | - | 4 |
| Trainers | 2 | - | 2 |
| Other *(Any items of property that do not fall into any of the categories listed above)* | 101 | 18 | 119 |
| **Total** | **1121** | **279** | **1400** |

I am unable to provide similar details for Elgin as their found items are not recorded in such a way that allows us to automatically retrieve this level of detail, i.e. by item type.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to provide the list of items requested. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To be of some assistance I can advise that in 2024 (up to 27 November) there were a total of 682 found items recorded.

It may be possible to undertake a search to retrieve the number of found items by object type (e.g. ‘handset’, ‘wallet’ etc.). Please let us know if this is something you would be interested in receiving along with the specific item(s) by type.

## The proceeds from any lost property in Elgin and Inverness that have been sold at auction during 2024. Please supply the item and the sale price and separate lists for Elgin and Inverness.

I can confirm that no items found have been submitted for sale from Inverness in 2024 - on that basis section 17 of the Act applies and I can confirm that the information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

In terms of Elgin and more generally across Scotland, I must advise you that a police auction includes items from all Divisional areas and there is no way to isolate the amount of money raised for submissions from individual Police Divisions.

Again, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

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.