| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3016  Responded to: xx December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Subject: Public access debrilators.

## Details of query: We are intending to acquire a public access defibrillator, to be sited outside St. Peter's church, Lutton Pl, Newington, Edinburgh EH8 9PE.

## We are considering if the cabinet should be locked with a keypad, the Ambulance service having the code to access it, or unlocked.

## Please could you tell us if there have been any instances of public access defibs being stolen or vandalised in Edinburgh, and in particular in the Newington area?

## If there have been, were they in a locked or unlocked cabinet?

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

By way of explanation, we cannot search vandalism or theft crime reports based on the nature of the property involved. As such, the only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine all crime reports relating to vandalism and theft offences, to establish whether it is relevant to your request.

This is an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

## Does police Scotland have any advice on keeping defibrillators in a locked or unlocked cabinet?

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.

Therefore, we cannot comment on 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.

To be of assistance however, you may wish to contact your local community officers via the link below.

[South East - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/edinburgh/south-east/)

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.