| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0024Responded to: 08 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please can you provide any communication redacted related to deaths at home in Scotland where Police Scotland were called to related to Domestic abuse, Cold, Anything else - In October/ November/ December 2024.**

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 the only way to collate this data in an accurate and complete manner would be to manually review all sudden death incidents and contact officers involved to check their emails etc in relation to the incident.

## Please can you provide the number of Police on duty at Edinburgh Hogmonay 2025 with rank and cost.

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

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**Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law Enforcement**

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would or would be likely to prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

If the requested information was disclosed, it could be used to calculate how and when resources are allocated within specific times and locations. This would then provide a tactical advantage to those with criminal intent when planning or perpetrating any unlawful activities and maximise the impact of destruction, harm and disruption that may be caused, whilst avoiding being brought to justice.

**Section 39(1) - Health, safety and the environment**

One of the main purposes of the Police Service is to protect individuals and members of the public, to disclose the requested information would be contrary to that purpose.

Public Interest Test

As you will be aware, the exemptions listed above are non-absolute and require the application of the Public Interest Test.

I would suggest that public accountability may favour disclosure, given that the information concerns the efficient and effective use of resources by the organisation. Likewise, disclosure of the information would also inform the public debate on the issue of policing and contribute to the accuracy of that debate. However, identifying the focus of policing activity could be used to the advantage of criminals.

​Accordingly, I would argue that the need to ensure the efficient and effective conduct of the service favours non-disclosure of the information requested and on balance is significantly in the public interest.

I must advise you that it is doubtful it could ever be in the public interest to disclose information which would jeopardise the delivery of policing and the safety of individuals and prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

## Please can you provide the number of calls to

## 101 in December 2024 with response times

## Please can you provide the number of discontinued calls to 101 in December 2024 with times

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 27(1) exemption applies:

“Information is exempt information if it is held with a view to its being published at a date not later than twelve weeks after the request for the information is made”.

The information will be published online within 12 weeks at [Call Handling Reports 2024 - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/call-handling-reports-2024/)

I believe it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information be withheld from disclosure at this time, and that maintaining the exemption outweighs any public interest in disclosure.

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.