| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0188Responded to: 13 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I wish to know how many parades have been held in glasgow by pro palestinian / hamas supporters since October 2023? include a breakdown of lawful and unlawful processions.

## If no action has been taken by Police Scotland against illegal public processions what is the reason for not making arrests

In accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, the above requested information cannot be electronically extracted from our recording systems. To provide the requested information data recorded on different systems would have to be physically examined and then cross checked with information held on Police Scotland’s incident management system, STORM.

To extract the requested information for the period specified would take in excess of the 40 hours and £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

## How many notifications have been submitted for public processions during this time.

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold the above requested information.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, Glasgow City Council approve all parades.

## How much money has Police Scotland paid out in response to these parades, lawful or lawful?

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold the above requested information.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, no costs have been recorded in relation to any such parades.

In general, police do not charge for parades/marches and only charge for services at events if it is a commercial event where the organiser stands to make a profit. We have a duty to ensure public safety and respect the right to assembly.   There is some further information on our website you may find of interest - [*Football matches & other major events - Police Scotland*](https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/major-events/football-matches-other-major-events/)

## Has Glasgow City council referred these matters to Police Scotland when no notification has been given for public processuions and is there correspondence between the two organisations.

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As you may be aware an individuals right in terms of the legislation is to receive recorded information held by a public authority. Requests for information which requires a yes/no response are not in essence a valid request.

If you wish to refine your request to seek recorded information your request will be considered and an appropriate response provided.

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](https://www.foi.scot/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.