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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

I would like you to provide information on the cost of policing Scottish football games over the 2017/18 season by club.

I would advise you that the clubs and organisations are charged for the policing **within** the stadium. On that basis, this information is proactively gathered.

Information regarding the cost of policing **outside** the various stadiums is not required for any business purpose and, as such, is not collated.

On that basis, Police Scotland does not hold information regarding the total cost of policing football matches. As such, section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 applies - information not held.

I can however provide you with information regarding the financial contributions made in each year by each club/ organisation for 2017/18.

Football Club	Contribution (inclusive of VAT)
Aberdeen Football Club Ltd	115,231.14
Alloa Athletic Football Club	2,042.40
Annan Athletic Football Club	2,553.60
Auchinleck Talbot	249.60
Ayr United Fc	14,950.80
Celtic F.C. Ltd	500,596.80
Cumnock Juniors	781.20
Dundee Football Club Limited	36,818.40
Dundee United Football Club	4,672.80
Dunfermline Athletic	5,642.40
Falkirk Football Club	6,280.80
Fraserburgh Football Club	4,327.20
Glasgow Football Association	784.80
Greenock Morton Football Club	9,783.60
Hamilton Academical Football Club	16,184.00

Football Club	Contribution (inclusive of VAT)
Heart Of Midlothian Fc Plc	139,922.88
Hibernian Football Club Ltd	106,574.40
Kilmarnock Football Club Ltd	49,074.00
Motherwell Football & Athletic Club	36,815.60
Partick Thistle Fc	64,454.40
Queen Of The South Fc	13,287.60
Ross County Football Club	24,470.40
Scottish Football Association Ltd	235,874.40
Scottish Junior Football Association	5,734.80
Scottish Professional Football League	79,824.00
St Johnstone Football Club	28,929.60
St Mirren Football Club	7,036.80
Stranraer Fc	770.40
The Rangers Football Club Limited	412,084.80

How many arrests have been made in the 2017/18 season at each football stadium. Furthermore, I'd like a list the statistics on what how many fans of each of the 42 SPFL clubs were arrested in the 2017/18 season on a match day

First of all, in relation to 'arrests', the police in Scotland have the power to arrest an individual where there is sufficient evidence to support a charge against them, either for a common law crime or for a statutory offence where the statute empowers the police to arrest any person contravening its provisions. However, there is no mandatory recording process in relation to arrests as not all offenders are routinely arrested when they commit crimes and some may be subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal without ever having been arrested.

Notwithstanding, I have considered your request in terms of detected offences recorded at football stadiums on match days and I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, there were over 900 football matches played during the 2017/18 season and the date/ time/ location of each would have to be individually searched on the various Police Scotland crime recording systems to ascertain the offence data for each - an exercise I estimate would be well in excess of the £600 limit.

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on 01382 596657 quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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