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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 am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act to gather information on the number of drug related deaths and offences/arrests that have been recorded by the Police since T in The Park began in 1994. I would also prefer it if this information could be provided with the age of each persons involved.**

In response to this question, I would advise you of the following deaths relating to drugs at T in the Park:

2015 – 1 Male aged 42

2016 – 2 Male aged 18 and female aged 16

There were no drugs deaths prior to 2015.

I have attached two tables showing reported crimes at the event from 2003 to 2016.

Having considered your request in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with all 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, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to examine every crime report which occurred at this event to establish the age of each offender - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulation.

I can also advise you that our crime recording systems only hold data specifically relating to T in the Park from 2003 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, the only way to provide you with data for all the years you have requested is to examine all crime reports recorded during the festival weekend to establish whether they occurred at the event location - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulation.

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

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance, and within 40 working days of receiving this response, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Should you wish to do so, please contact us at the following address, stating what has caused your dissatisfaction and what you require us to review:

Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH - [foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

You can raise an appeal using the online service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal) or by writing to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via email at [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info).

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