

## LETTER SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

26 May 2025

FOI Ref 2025/26-018

### Request

Your request for information dated 26 May 2025 is copied below.

I would like to request the following information relating to the police powers to Test Purchase alcohol using underage volunteers.  
Can you advise how many operations have been undertaken in the last 5 years?  
How many sales of alcohol there were to under 18's?  
Which force areas undertook test purchasing of alcohol?  
How many reports were made to the PF and or relevant licensing board?

### Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA).

The Authority does not hold the information requested.<sup>1</sup>

The Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland and does not hold information on operational policing matters.<sup>2</sup>

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk)

You may also wish to refer to [Police Scotland's Disclosure Log](#).

### Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a

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<sup>1</sup> This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

<sup>2</sup> [Scottish Police Authority - What We Do](#)

review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to [foi@spa.police.uk](mailto:foi@spa.police.uk) or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@foi.scot](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

This response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

**Scottish Police Authority**

