

East Lothian Council

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1) A spreadsheet (preferably excel or .csv format) which contains information on all public processions that took place between 2010 and 2016 (inclusive). If your organisation stores data according to Financial Years, please provide information on all processions that took place between FY 2010-11 and FY 2015-16.

East Lothian Council's (ELC) Protective Services introduced [Safety Advisory Groups](#) (SAG) in early 2017. Between 2010 and 2016, however, ELC did not use the SAG process. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held.

2) Please include, in the spreadsheet, the following information: the date on which each procession took place; the organisation which organised each procession; the route each procession took; the settlement in which each procession began; a note stating whether or not the procession started in Scotland, or in a different police area.

Please refer to point 1 above.

3) Please provide all documents that describe how your organisation collects and stores this data. Only provide information not provided by the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. If your organisation does not collect any of the information asked for in point 2, please also provide an explanation of why. If your organisation has destroyed or mislaid records relating to public processions, please state which years were affected by this.

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4) Please state the years for which you have data on public processions. Please also state how much of this data is stored digitally. Finally, if you have non-digitised records, please provide the address of the repository in which those records are stored, and details on the procedure for gaining access to these records.

Under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

Finally, it may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions, general questions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. Public authorities are not required to create new information in order to comply with an information request. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that ELC may or may not hold. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>