

<b>Request:</b>	<b>FOI request - sexual assault at swimming pools</b>
<b>Ref:</b>	ELIR00428
<b>Received:</b>	05.02.25
<b>Responded:</b>	12.02.25

## Request

*Dear Edinburgh Leisure freedom of Information team*

*Please can you provide me with the following information:*

- Reports of sexual offences or inappropriate behaviour at Edinburgh Leisure pools (separated into calendar years).*
- Internal policies and safeguarding measures.*
- Communications with Police Scotland or the council on these issues.*
- Any staff training or guidance related to preventing sexual offences.*

*I would appreciate all data from 2020 up until 2025 to be included, separated into calendar years where possible. I understand that data identifying individuals cannot be shared. Where possible, please provide data related to swimming and bathing activities e.g. in swimming pools or bathing facilities or changing areas for people who use these. If you do not have this level of data and only have data for the broader leisure centre, then please provide this.*

## Response

<b>Legislation:</b>	Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
<b>Category of response:</b>	Partial Release of Information - Information Not Held
<b>Exemptions applied:</b>	FOISA Section 17

Unfortunately, Edinburgh Leisure is only able to meet part of your request; this information is released to you now in the format requested.

*Question 1: Reports of sexual offences or inappropriate behaviour at Edinburgh Leisure pools (separated into calendar years).*

Document provided to requester:

- ‘2022-2024 reports of inappropriate behaviours in wet venues’

*Question 2: Internal policies and safeguarding measures.*

Safeguarding policy and EAP (Emergency Action Plan) section provided to requester there is no specific sexual assault section of the EAP.

Documents provided to requester:

- Safeguarding Policy 2023
- ELIR00428 - EAP Section 5 Safeguarding
- Examples of EL Safeguarding Reports
- Safeguarding Report Form 2021
- 1 IMS Safeguarding Reporting Procedure

*Question 4: Any staff training or guidance related to preventing sexual offences.*

Document provided to requester:

- Examples of EL Safeguarding reports

Safeguarding training: 942 staff have completed this mandatory training, 112 have expired, this is part of our mandatory compliance module of training and is reported to the managers monthly.

**Safeguarding Module Topics**

1. Introduction
2. Safeguarding Definitions
3. What Are the 4 R's
  - Recognise
  - Respond
  - Report
  - Record
4. Recognise
5. Respond
6. Report & Record
7. What does good practice look like?
8. Quiz

Response documents attached as ZIP file.

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Section 16 of FOI(S)A requires us to complete a refusal notice when we are not providing information requested. The details we are required to include in this refusal notice are set out below.

**Information which is the subject of the request and is not held**

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information requested for question 3 as it is not held by Edinburgh Leisure.

*Question 3: Communications with Police Scotland or the council on these issues.*

<b>Exemption(s)</b>	Section 17 - Information Not Held
<b>Why exemption(s) applies</b>	<p>Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information requested in the question 3 as it is not held by Edinburgh Leisure.</p> <p>We don't have any emails between the police and EL, they were called and haven't (to our knowledge) emailed anyone afterwards.</p>
<b>Public Interest (where relevant)</b>	As the information requested is not held by Edinburgh Leisure, we are unable to conduct a public interest test.

Please treat this as a Refusal Notice under Section 17 in accordance with section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

If you do have difficulty in accessing the information or if you have any queries about this response, please contact me quoting the reference number below.

This concludes your request **ELIR00428**.

Please treat this as a Refusal under Section 17 and notice in accordance with Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, or otherwise unhappy with how we dealt with your request you have the right to request a review from us under Section 21 of FOISA by writing to [foi@edinburghleisure.co.uk](mailto:foi@edinburghleisure.co.uk)

Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

- **Email** to: [enquiries@foi.scot](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot)

- **Post** to: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Rd,  
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