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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.

### **A new request**

#### **Everything I can legally get a hold of**

When asked for clarification, you replied:

#### **Everything thing I can legally have I want a copy**

- every email sent by police Scotland that doesn't contain sensitive information
- every document on all computers on Police Scotland that doesn't contain sensitive information
- Every policy in politics Scotland
- every officer shoulder number in police Scotland
- salary's for every rank
- number of complaints on every single officer
- copy of all training officers get
- number of equipment
- number of cars + how much mileages
- safety certificates of every piece of equipment police Scotland has
- a copy of the certificate
- copy of all dashcam and bodycam
- number of unsolved crimes
- number of people killed by officers
- number of time officers
- copy of all posters in every station in police Scotland
- copy of everything on all police scotland phones that doesn't contain
- anything else I can have

In terms of section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to respond to your request on the basis that I consider it to be 'vexatious'.

In particular, I note that the request appears to have been a reaction to a previous response where we refused to confirm or deny that information was held.

I would stress once again that *personal information* requests are not best dealt with using FOI legislation and that your request was passed to our data protection team who will be in touch separately.

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'Vexatious' is not defined in the Act but I would refer to the following factors as set out in the Commissioner's guidance:

- a) It would impose a significant burden on the public authority.
- b) It does not have a serious purpose or value.
- c) It is designed to cause disruption or annoyance to the public authority.
- d) It has the effect of harassing the public authority.
- e) It would otherwise, in the opinion of a reasonable person, be considered to be manifestly unreasonable or disproportionate.

The purpose of FOI is to provide a right of access to recorded information and we respond to thousands of requests each year which seek to exercise that right.

We are committed to the principles of openness and accountability and that means focusing on those requests whereby individuals are genuinely motivated by accessing the information we hold.

It is my assessment that overall, your request has no serious purpose or value, is designed to cause annoyance to Police Scotland and, in the opinion of a reasonable person, would be considered to be manifestly unreasonable.

To be of assistance, you may find the information available via the following links of interest:

[Policies and Procedures - Police Scotland](#)  
[Pay and Grading Structure - Police Scotland](#)  
[How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)  
[Disclosure Log - Police Scotland](#)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.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](mailto: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.