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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0147
Date: 15th February 2022



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 document 21 1938 Attachment 08 which is published on the Police Scotland Disclosure Log 21-1938 - Firearms licensing - Correspondence/ Risk Assessments - Firearm Ranges, D&G states the following

"Further supporting documents requested

- **Insurance Certificate for the Range**
- **Any NSA/NSRA approval letter/range safety report**
- **Confirmation that 50cal weapons used on the range do not exceed 10,000ft/lbs muzzle energy**
- **An update on their application for College of Policing approval".**

Can you let me know which of the documents requested have now been seen by Police Scotland, what date were they seen, where were they seen and what format were they presented e.g. by email, paper copies etc. Can I please have sight of these documents? Please accept this request under the Freedom of Information provisions.

I will deal with each of the documents referred to in your request in turn.

Insurance Certificate for the Range

Police Scotland do not hold information in regards to insurances for ranges. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by Police Scotland.

Any NSA/NSRA approval letter/range safety report

I can confirm we hold one relevant report in this regard which was previously provided as an attachment of the FOI response you quote within your request.

I must therefore advise that the requested information is publicly available.

As such, in terms of Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to provide you with the information sought. Section 16 requires Police Scotland

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when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

- (a) states that it holds the information,
- (b) states that it is claiming an exemption,
- (c) specifies the exemption in question and
- (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested and the exemption that I consider to be applicable is set out at Section 25(1) of the Act - information otherwise accessible:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under Section 1(1) is exempt information”

I can confirm that the information requested is available through our disclosure log. I have attached a direct link to the relevant document below:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/khajoyje/21-1938-attachment-07.pdf>

Confirmation that 50cal weapons used on the range do not exceed 10,000ft/lbs muzzle energy

There is no confirmation that weapons under a specific muzzle velocity are being used.

Scottish Government approval differs from Home Office approval in that it merely specifies small bore, full bore or muzzle loading as weapon types whereas Home Office approval specifies Small Bore and Full Bore not exceeding 10,000 foot/pounds muzzle energy.

To be of some assistance however, from engagement with the Rifle Club, they do not allow .50 inch calibre weapons on the range.

An update on their application for College of Policing approval.

Police Scotland play no part in this process and therefore cannot provide an update. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by 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.pnn.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.

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You can apply [online](#), by email to 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.