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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Any briefings held by Police Scotland containing the phrase (or phrases) “Operation Cerrar”, “Operation Dash” and/or “Operation Cotswold” dated from 1 January 2016 to 1 January 2017.

Regarding verbal briefings, Police Scotland hold no auditable record of when particular phrases are mentioned. As such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

We have no means of conducting an organisation wide search for documents that contain the phrases “Operation Cerrar”, “Operation Dash” and/or “Operation Cotswold for the period of 1 January 2016 to 1 January 2017. This would apply both to hard copy and digital information.

Unfortunately, I estimate that this exercise would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance

## How many people are Police Scotland aware were sentenced as a result of Operation Cerrar?

Police Scotland does not hold criminal conviction/ prosecution data and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and/ or the Scottish Courts Service.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.