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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.

To prevent a "PUBLIC" controversy we consciously stipulate that the private man in the public office of Chief Constable provide in good faith a copy of the Police Scotland constitution and articles of association pertain to the Principal legal embodiment [applicant name].

There is no 'Police Scotland constitution' and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. The information sought is *not held* by Police Scotland.

Our understanding of 'articles of association' is a document or documents that set out how a *company* is run, governed and owned - typically describing the responsibilities of director and any shareholders.

Police Scotland does not have any 'articles of association' and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. The information sought is *not held* by Police Scotland.

To be of assistance, you may be interested in the following information available on our website:

[Our purpose, focus and values - Police Scotland](#)
[Code of Ethics for policing in Scotland - Police Scotland](#)
[Our Standards of Professional Behaviour - Police Scotland](#)
[How Police Scotland is run - Police Scotland](#)
[Executive Team - Police Scotland](#)

For the avoidance of any doubt, the questions above have been answered *in general terms*.

I note that you made reference in your request to the information as it pertained to yourself.

If you wish to access your own personal information specifically, you should note that our likely response (in FOI terms) would be to neither confirm nor deny any information was held - in terms of sections 18 and 38(1)(a) of the Act.

You should consider instead submitting a [Subject Access Request](#)

I would stress however that neither of the items referred to in your request are held - either generally or in relation to particular individuals.

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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 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 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.