| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0659  Responded to: 14 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1. Please confirm whether your force has a duty to investigate corruption, even if the victim is outside your jurisdiction, the legal ombudsman and SRA are also within your county.

The formal disciplinary process for Police Officers is governed by [The Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Regulations 2014](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2014/68/contents/made). The associated [Scottish Government Guidance Document](https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/factsheet/2018/04/conduct-and-performance-procedures-police-guidance/documents/police-guidance-conduct-procedures/police-guidance-conduct-procedures/govscot:document/Police%2BService%2Bof%2BScotland%2B%2528conduct%2529%2Bregulations%2B2014.pdf) provides further information on the process and allegations are categorised in line with our [Our Standards of Professional Behaviour - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/who-we-are/our-standards-of-professional-behaviour/).

The Police Scotland [Complaints About the Police Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/lgyddvsi/complaints-about-the-police-sop.docx) outlines how we deal with complaints. Allegations are recorded in accordance with the categories listed at appendices C and D.​

## 2. Please forward this email to any relevant department or organisation that can assist.

## 3. Please review the 19 minute telephone recording with Crime-stoppers Anti-Corruption Unit copied into this request for help and provide guidance on the next steps.

## 4. If your force cannot assist, please provide a direct contact for an agency or department that can.

As you may be aware, the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 provides a right of access to recorded information only. Section 8 of the Act states that in order for a request to be valid, an applicant must describe the information requested - which is not the same as asking for a statement to be created in response to a particular matter.

We are unable to offer any comment therefore as regards the matters set out above.

In terms of any pre-existing recorded information that would set out the Police Scotland ‘position’, such information is not held, and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.