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

## If drug crimes are not recorded/categorised by specific drug type:

## What is Police Scotland’s policy/strategy for tackling the use and supply of cannabis in Scotland?

In response to this question, I must advise you that the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. To explain, there is no policy held by Police Scotland which relates to tackling the use and supply of cannabis specifically. Any such guidance, policy etc. covers all drugs rather than any specific type.

Police Scotland is committed to disrupting the illicit supply of drugs in our communities and will use every tool and resource at our disposal to remove illegal substances from our streets.

## How does Police Scotland track the prevalence of specific drugs over time?

The prevalence of controlled drugs in circulation across Scotland is confirmed through drug seizures and drug testing within SPA laboratories. In addition, intelligence obtained provides some indications of widespread drug use within communities.

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 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 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.