| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1279  Responded to: 15 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

Tackling domestic abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and we are committed to working with our partners to reduce the harm it causes and ultimately eradicate it.

Domestic abuse is a despicable and debilitating crime which affects all of our communities and has no respect for ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, religion or sexual orientation.

Police Scotland will not tolerate it.

Police Scotland will proactively target perpetrators and support victims to prevent domestic abuse from damaging the lives of victims and their families.

Police Scotland defines domestic abuse as:

“Any form of physical, verbal, sexual, psychological or financial abuse which might amount to criminal conduct and which takes place within the context of a relationship. The relationship will be between partners (married, cohabiting, civil partnership or otherwise) or ex-partners. The abuse may be committed in the home or elsewhere including online”

**Do they carry out the DAQ with person A?**

We note, this is a follow up to FOI 25-1179.

The [Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/domestic-abuse/) (DSDAS) provides a formal way of sharing information about a partner’s abusive past with a potential victim.

In making a disclosure, the scheme provides those individuals with information they may have been previously unaware of, giving them the power to review their situation, decide what is best for them and whether to continue their relationship.

The individual who is in a relationship with a potential perpetrator of domestic abuse is referred to as ‘Person A’. The subject of the application who is in a relationship with person ‘A’ is referred to as ‘Person B’. During the face-to-face meeting with the person potentially at risk (person A), the Domestic Abuse Questions (DAQ) risk assessment should be completed. The purpose of the DAQ is to establish the level of risk and to consider appropriate safety measures to improve person A’s safety and protection.

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.