| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1753Responded to: 17 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Could you supply the minutes/notes from all meetings between any of Police Scotland's deputy chief constables and chief constable and the Scottish Police Federation from the last three months?

Please see attached minutes of meetings between Police Scotland's Deputy Chief Constables and Chief Constable and the Scottish Police Federation from the last three months.

Please note that not all meetings are minuted and, as such, this may not be a comprehensive overview of the number of meetings held.

Additionally, these documents have been subject to minimal redaction, and I am refusing to provide that content in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

* Section 38(1)(b) - Personal Data

The names of individuals have been redacted as they amount to the personal data of the parties involved.

* Section 35(1)(a) - Law Enforcement

The addresses of Police houses have been redacted as a crime prevention measure. Disclosure would put the security of those properties and the safety of those who reside within at risk.

* Section 39(1) - Health, Safety and the Environment

Disclosing the addresses of police houses would increase the safety risks of the individuals residing within.

* Section 33 (1)(b) - Commercial Interests and the economy

Commercially sensitive information has been redacted so as not to identify the specific costs of products/ services and the details of suppliers.

* Section 30(b)(i) and (ii) - Inhibition to free and frank advice/ exchange of views

It is essential that there be some scope for privacy of discussion/ communication where it is assessed that disclosure would inhibit the ability of Police Scotland to discuss such matters freely in the future.

* Section 30(c) - Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs

Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses have been redacted as disclosure would negatively impact on the operational effectiveness of Police Scotland/ other agencies. The phone numbers and email addresses are used for operational purposes and have been removed in order to ensure that internal processes are protected.

Whilst I accept that there is a public interest in better informing the public as to how Police Scotland is run and the type of issues discussed at senior meetings, this must be balanced with the need to ensure the effective running of the force and the integrity of necessary crime prevention and safety measures.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/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.