

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1015
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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 (questions have slightly reordered for ease).

In October 2021 the College of Policing published guidance (attached) which suggested forces should 'decolonise' any training materials for new officers. It may be that any 'decolonisation' was carried out in response to this guidance. Where examples of decolonisation of training material is identified, could you outline what has been removed/alterd with pictorial examples of the original and the changed version.

Police Scotland, whilst cognisant of developments undertaken by the College of Policing, are not a Home Office service and run independently of the College of Policing.

On that basis I can advise you that Police Service of Scotland does not hold any of the information requested by you. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

You may wish to direct your enquiry to the College of Policing who may be able to assist you further.

Please could you provide any examples between July 31, 2020, and May 1, 2022, when the force has 'decolonised' any of its training materials for new officers? This would include examples where forces had actively sought to 'decolonise' training material and referred to the process as such.

The term 'decolonise' is not used within Police Scotland Probationer Training, nor has the 'decolonisation' of any training materials taken place. Consequently in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by Police Scotland.

If you require further assistance or 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

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foi@scotland.pnn.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.