| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0818  Responded to: 20 April 2023 |
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I refer to your recent correspondence seeking information about a deceased person.

Any FOI response is a public disclosureand so it is not usually possible to disclose information about particular individuals or related police involvement and/ or investigations.

In terms of section 18 of the Act, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought is held by Police Scotland. The public interest overwhelmingly lies in protecting individuals’ right to privacy and honouring their expectation of confidentiality - even in death.

In this instance, section 39(1) of the Act would apply insofar as you have requested third party personal data, the *public* disclosure of which is assessed to be an unwarranted breach of privacy of the deceased and consequently potentially distressing to their loved ones.

I appreciate you claim to have had a relationship with the deceased but unfortunately that cannot be taken into account in terms of an FOI disclosure.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.