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

## Following the recent legal case against Northumbria Police and their participation in Pride events and the recent announcement from North Yorkshire Police that they too will not participate in Pride events, what is Police Scotland's position with regards to Officers participation in Pride events in Scotland?

On the 18th of July 2025, interim guidance was issued to all Police Officers and Staff that with immediate effect, Police Scotland will not participate in any Pride events, either as staff or officers whilst on duty or in uniform. Police Scotland’s role will be focused upon delivering a professional, impartial policing plan to ensure public safety and uphold operational independence.

Officers and staff whilst off duty, may choose to participate in an event, during which no uniform or Police insignia should be worn. Police Officers/Staff were further encouraged to be mindful of the standards of professional behaviour underpinned by Police Scotland values.

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.