Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1456 Date: 02 August 2022



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.

- All legislation relation to the Police Scotland Domestic Abuse Database
- Policy and procedure for the Police Scotland Domestic Abuse Database
- Criteria and practice of adding people to the Police Scotland Domestic Abuse
 Database
- Information about adding and removal of people from the Police Scotland Domestic Abuse Database

In response to your request, I can advise you that Police Scotland do not have a domestic abuse database. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

You may be referring to the interim Vulnerable Persons Database, and therefore information relating to this request can be found in the Domestic Abuse Investigation Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). This is available on our website, via the following link: <u>https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/fuaflohy/domestic-abuse-investigation-sop.pdf</u>

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at <u>foidundee@scotland.police.uk</u> quoting the reference number given.

If you 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 foi@scotland.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 <u>online</u>, by email to <u>enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info</u> or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

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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 <u>Disclosure Log</u> in seven days' time.