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

## Please provide the procedure for “Body Worn Video for Armed Policing” referred to in your letter, FOI 25-1968.

Police Scotland commenced the national roll out of body worn video cameras in March 2025 within Tayside Division. That continued in June 2025 with the roll out to Highlands and Islands Division.

As the roll out progresses, more than 10,500 Home Office approved Motorola Solutions VB400 cameras will be issued to frontline officers from constable to inspector ranks, and to police custody staff, across the country.

Over the next 18 months, there will be a gradual increase in officers with body worn video cameras across Scotland.

As per our previous response, officers with our Armed Policing teams have access to body worn cameras.

Associated initial guidance was issued in 2021 as a ‘Code of Practice’, however the use of body worn cameras by Armed Policing is now covered by the Body Worn Video SOP.

I have provided separately for you the Body Worn Video for Armed Policing Code of Practice and Body Worn Video for Armed Policing SOP.

Some information has been redacted within the documents I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

**Section 30(c) - Prejudice to the Effective Conduct of Public Affairs**

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the effective conduct of public affairs.

In this instance an e-mail address cannot be disclosed. Disclosure would negatively impact on the operational effectiveness of the service and partner agencies. The email address is used for operational/ business purposes and has been removed in order to ensure that those processes are protected.

This is a non-absolute exemption which requires the application of the Public Interest Test.

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

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and apprehension or prosecution of offenders by adversely impacting on the operational effectiveness of Police Scotland.

Tactical information is of great value to persons or groups intent on committing offences allowing them to compromise any tactical advantage the police may have when dealing with any crime or disorder.

This is a non-absolute exemption and requires the application of the Public Interest Test.

**Public Interest Test**

I would suggest that public accountability would favour disclosure, given that the information concerns the efficient and effective use of resources by the Service. Likewise, disclosure of the information would also inform the public debate on the issue of policing and would contribute to the accuracy of that debate.

However, the applicability of the exemption listed above, the need to ensure the effective conduct of the service in relation to prevention and detection of crime and, the public safety considerations involved in the delivery of operational policing clearly favour non-disclosure of the information requested.

On balance the public interest on this occasion favours non-disclosure of this data.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.

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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.