| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1526  Responded to: 20th June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1) Please provide copies of FOI requests mentioning the company Palantir that were referred by this police force to the NPCC Central Referral Unit. Please conduct the search for requests that were referred to the NPCC from 1st January 2024 to the current day.

## (2) For each FOI request mentioning the company Palantir that were referred in the specified timeframe above, please provide the advice issued by the NPCC Central Referral Unit to this police force.

In response to your request, I can, firstly, advise you that Police Scotland have not referred any FOI requests, received from 1st January 2024 to the date of your FOI request (15th May 2025), which mention the company ‘Palantir’ to the NPCC Central Referral Unit.

Other Police Forces have, however, referred requests which were also received by Police Scotland, and so, correspondence of relevance is held and is included in the attached PDF.

Some information has been redacted - individual’s names, and some telephone numbers and email addresses - and I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

* Section 38(1)(b) - Personal data

FOI Disclosure of personal data will only be lawful if the GDPR Article 6(1)(f) condition is satisfied:

‘Processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child’.

Whilst I accept that you may have a legitimate interest with regards the disclosure of the names of staff members, I do not agree that disclosure could be considered necessary in the circumstances.

Notwithstanding, I am further of the view that your interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subjects. On that basis, it is considered that disclosure of the information sought would be unlawful.

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

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* Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Prevention & Detection of Crime and Apprehension of offenders

Disclosure would serve to disrupt the well-established processes which members of the public are encouraged to use when contacting Police Scotland and other police agencies, thus prejudicing our ability to effectively manage such contact appropriately.

Whilst there is a public interest in better informing the public as to the internal mechanisms used within the force, this must be balanced with the need to ensure that the appropriate channels are used for contact and that internal mailboxes are not compromised in any way.

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.

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.