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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.

I am aware of a report which was done about alleged improper activity within C3 division in 2015/16. It was commissioned by former DCC Rose Fitzpatrick and carried out by former Ch Supt Paul Anderson (now DCC at Humberside).

The report was commissioned to investigate an alleged practice in C3 division, whereby fake or phantom police car call signs were being created on the systems used by control rooms. This was allegedly being done in order to allocate certain calls due to be actioned by officers into a fake car or holding pattern until a real car became available to accept the job, thus giving the impression the call was being allocated to a car in a timely fashion. The alleged purpose of this was designed to ensure performance targets around call allocation times were being met.

The allegation was that the cars to which these calls were being allocated did not exist, and were created only to give a false impression of successful call allocation times.

I am aware this report into the above alleged exists, I do not believe it should fall under any operational exemption and I ask that, under FOI legislation, it should be provided to me, allowing for any redaction of any personal information.

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold a copy of the report requested

Therefore, having considered your request in terms of the Act I can confirm that section 17 applies and the information is *not held* by Police Scotland.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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

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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 [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

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 [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.