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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2026
Date: 20th October 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.

I am writing to you to request the following information.

Any internal correspondence within Police Scotland among staff and between the Scottish Information Commissioner, around the FOI which resulted in the SIC decision notice 078/2022.

Copies of all relevant correspondence are attached in the file 'applicant data'.

The documents have been subject to very minor redaction and in terms of section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to provide you with the redacted content. Section 16 requires Police Scotland when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

- (a) states that it holds the information,
- (b) states that it is claiming an exemption,
- (c) specifies the exemption in question and
- (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested and the exemptions applicable are as follows:

Some names of Police Scotland staff members have been redacted in terms of section 38(1)(b) of the Act on the basis that they amount to personal data and disclosure is assessed to be unlawful in the circumstances.

The applicant name has also been redacted in terms of section 38(1)(a) of the Act.

Some Police Scotland email addresses and phone numbers have been redacted in terms of section 30(c) of the Act on the basis that disclosure of same is assessed to be prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs insofar as providing means of contact for the police service outwith the appropriate routes - foi@ mailbox for FOI matters and 999/101 etc more generally.

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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 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.