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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.

What was the cost of procuring and issuing Police Scotland response officers with baseball caps?

With regards to cost of issuing baseball caps to Police Scotland response officers I can advise you that Police Scotland does not hold the requested information. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

To explain, baseball caps are a standard issue item, every new recruit is issued with a baseball cap therefore it is not possible to advise the cost solely of caps issued to response officers. To be of assistance the total cost of baseball caps being issued to all Police Officers since April 2022 is £11663.65.

Are flat caps still routinely issued as part of the uniform?

Yes, they are.

Are officers expected to wear police issue headgear when on duty in public spaces?

Yes, Police headwear should be worn at all times whilst in operational uniform in an external environment, unless it impedes the officer in the execution of their duties.

What is the official dress code regarding the wearing of police issue headgear?

Currently operational headwear is described as "cap / hat". Work is currently ongoing within Police Scotland to identify appropriate gender neutral headwear for police officers. Whilst this is ongoing, baseball caps are issued as standard items and can be worn instead of the more traditional flat style police cap or bowler

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management – Glasgow at foiglasgow@scotland.police.uk 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.

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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.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalrnarnock, 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.