| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0536  Responded to: 17 February 2025 |
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I refer to your recent correspondence seeking access to information about a matter you were involved in.

Regarding questions 1-5, In terms of section 18 of the Act, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether Police Scotland holds the information sought.

Bearing in mind that FOI disclosures are essentially public disclosures, the public interest overwhelmingly lies in protecting individual’s rights to privacy and the integrity of any police investigations.

If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure in terms of at least one exemption set out in the Act. In this instance, the following exemptions apply:

Section 34(1)(b) - Investigations

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

Section 38(1)(a) - Personal Data (applicant’s own)

Section 38(1)(b) - Personal Data (third parties)

I understand that this response may seem confusing and/ or unhelpful in the circumstances, but I would stress that FOI is not the appropriate means by which information about personal matters can be accessed.

If you would like to access *your own personal information* held by Police Scotland you can submit a [Subject Access Request](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/data-protection/subject-access-requests) (SAR)to be considered in terms of the Data Protection Act 2018/ GDPR.

Similarly, information can also be accessed by individuals, their solicitors and Insurance Companies via our [Provision of Reports](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/provision-of-reports/) processes.

## 6.1 Operational Details of Police Scotland Livingston Station- I request information on the operational structure and performance of the Livingston station, including:

## a. The total number of police officers assigned to the station.

## b. The number of officers on duty at Livingston on weekends.

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) and 27(1) exemptions apply:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it is exempt information”

The Information is publicly available at [Police Scotland Officer Numbers - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/police-scotland-officer-numbers/) and is due to be updated within 12 weeks.

## c. The average response times for incidents in the Livingston area.

Police Scotland do not hold an average response time specific to the Livingstone area as such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

## 6.2. I further request copies of the current Standard Operating Procedures or other relevant policy documents, an outline of the organizational structure and departmental roles at Livingston, and information on specialised units operating from Livingston (such as the Cyber Crime Team, CID, Armed Response, and K-9 Units), including any relevant officer identification such as badge or shoulder numbers.

There are no Standard operating procedures or policies relevant to Livingstone station specifically therefore the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To be of assistance you may wish to visit [Standard Operating Procedures - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/policies-and-procedures/standard-operating-procedures/).

In relation to the structure, roles and badge/shoulder numbers of officers based at Livingstone, I would refer you to my response to Qs 6.1 a&b above, and as such this oart of your request is considered exempt.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.