

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0701
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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'm just wondering how I would go about finding out if someone I know is on the sex offenders register or was on it? I have confronted the person that told me as I was told he was getting checks every few weeks and it has really effected my mental health so i really need to find out the truth. I have been told stopped getting checks a year ago or so but have also been told that these checks went on for numerous years so not sure what to believe. Any help or advice would be great.

Please be advised that advice as regards the process for requesting this information via The Sex Offender Community Disclosure Scheme is available on our website:

[The Sex Offender Community Disclosure - Police Scotland](#)

You might also be interested in this information:

[Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland - Police Scotland](#)

As the information sought is otherwise publicly available, I am refusing to provide you with it. Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 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 exemption that I consider to be applicable is section 25(1) of the Act.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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.