

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2691  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023



## 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.

**On the 9th of November 2022 issued correspondence to Police Scotland at the address of [legalenquiries@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:legalenquiries@scotland.pnn.police.uk). To date the correspondence issued has gone without acknowledgement nor response. I am looking to understand who is dealing with the issue I have raised and as to when I can expect a response.**

**Subsequently on the 28th of November 2022 I forwarded the aforementioned correspondence to [Legal@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Legal@Scotland.pnn.police.uk). To date the correspondence issued has gone without acknowledgement nor response. I am looking to understand who is dealing with the issue I have raised and as to when I can expect a response.**

**Additionally, I require the name of the accountable person within the Police Scotland legal department to allow me to correspond directly.**

Having considered your request in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland in terms of section 18 of the Act. Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

- It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held. Whilst we accept that you may have a particular personal interest in being informed as to whether or not the information sought is held, the overwhelming public interest lies in protecting individuals' right to privacy and the expectation of confidence that the public have in Police Scotland as regards their information.
- If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure in terms of one or more of the exemptions set out in sections 28 to 35, 38, 39(1) or 41 of the Act. In this instance, section 38(1)(a) of the Act applies insofar as you have requested *your own* personal data which is exempt from disclosure in all circumstances.

You do however have a right to access any information Police Scotland holds about you in terms of Article 15 of the General Data Protection Regulation and/ or section 45 of the Data Protection Act 2018 - further details can be found on our [website](#).

You can contact our Legal Services team via [contactus@scotland.police.uk](mailto:contactus@scotland.police.uk)

## OFFICIAL

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 [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

