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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.

Why are police officers not subject to investigation by counter corruption unit instead of being investigated by NSCU officers when it is possible the NSCU officers may know the offenders/be the offenders and what checks/procedures are in place to prevent a scenario like this from occurring?

It would also be good to know why counter corruption detectives are not leading this inquiry instead of NSCU/PPU officers instead.

As we have not received any further clarification from you, I must respond in terms of Section 8 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002: information which requires opinion is not a valid request.

We wrote to you on 24/05/2022, providing links to public information which explained how police complaints are dealt with in Scotland, which would assist you to resubmit a valid question in this respect.

I have provided the links again below in case they may be of further assistance to you:

All complaints received by Police Scotland are managed in line with our Complaints about the Police Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/fifhh5vo/complaints-about-the-police-sop.pdf>

Further details in relation to our complaints process can also be found on the Police Scotland website via the following link:

www.scotland.police.uk/complaints/

If you require further assistance or 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.pnn.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.