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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.

**1. The number of times Police Scotland has provided training to overseas police forces since 2013 till present.**

**2. In each case please include the following:**

- a) **The country/locality of the overseas force and the purpose of the training.**
- b) **The start and end dates of the training, and whether it is still ongoing.**
- c) **The cost of the contract, who it was funded by, and whether there are any plans to renew the contract.**
- b) **Specify the particular police force or institution and the unit/branch being trained as well as the exact location where the training was/is carried out.**
- d) **The rank/ status and number of personnel trained.**
- e) **Names of any other public bodies or private entities engaged in the planning or delivery of the training and details of their role.**
- f) **Whether forms were submitted to the International Police Assistance Board or Joint International Policing Hub and whether an Overseas Security and Justice Assistance assessment was carried out, and if so, to which authority it was submitted.**

I have considered your request under the Act and would first advise you that Police Scotland's first developed and published a National and International Development Strategy in 2016. This Strategy was revised and updated in 2021.

For the period prior to 2016 I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations. As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

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Some files *may* still be held in a separate format for any earlier period but for both reasons of cost and consistency of approach I have provided all information available from 2016 onwards.

Police Scotland undertakes training in support of the Scottish Government's Global Citizenship Strategy <https://www.gov.scot/publications/global-citizenship-scotlands-international-development-strategy/> and in support of the UK Government's international policing assistance policy.

All initiatives undertaken are reviewed to ensure they deliver against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, in particular against:

- Goal 5: Gender Equality
- Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Goal 10: Reduced Inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals

Since 1 April 2016 Police Scotland has delivered training as follows:

### **Country: Malawi / Zambia**

**Year:** 2016 – current

Funded by the Scottish Government, Police Scotland has provided training to support the Malawi and Zambia Police Services to develop their response to gender based violence and to enhance child protection services. This activity has been undertaken to support the Protection Cluster of the Republic of Malawi Government's 2016 / 17 Food Insecurity Response Programme.

In 2019 this programme was paused due to the COVID Pandemic and recommenced 2022/23 with a programme of work approved and funded as above by Scottish Government. Funding for this and previous years is published as part of the Scottish Government's International Strategy.

The 2022/23 Programme addresses capacity building within both countries in relation to Sexual Offences and Child Protection. This has involved the training of frontline practitioners in these areas as well as in country trainers to ensure the sustainability of the work being delivered.

These training programmes have taken place in Blantyre and Lilongwe in Malawi and the work will be mirrored in Zambia with training in Lusaka and Lilayi.

The 2022/23 programme will conclude at the end of the financial year with full evaluation.

The IPAB and OSJA processes have been followed for both countries.

### **Country: Sri Lanka**

Year: 2016 – 2021

Funded by the (now) Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office through the British High Commission in Colombo, Police Scotland provided training to the Sri Lanka Police Service in the following areas:

- Crime investigation including crime scene management, structured investigations, and investigative interviewing
- Public order command
- Professional standards
- Human rights
- Community Policing
- Tackling gender based violence
- Promoting gender equality
- Training of Trainer

There has been no further training delivered in Sri Lanka since the decision was taken to end the programme.

**Country: Kenya**

**Year:** 2016/17

Funded by the (now) Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), this programme comprised the delivery of a Train the Trainer course for 20 police officers and staff from the Anti-Terrorist Police Unit based in Nairobi.

**Country: Anguilla**

**Year:** 2017/18

Funded by the National Crime Agency (NCA) Police Scotland supported the NCA to scope, develop and deliver child protection training to Anguilla police officers

**Country: Grand Cayman**

**Year:** 2017/18

Funded by the National Crime Agency (NCA) Police Scotland supported the NCA to scope, develop and deliver child protection training to Grand Cayman police officers

**Country: Hyderabad, India**

**Year:** 2017/18 and 2018/19

Funded by, and undertaken in partnership with, the Charles Sturt University Australia, this training provided a leadership mid-career development programme to police officers in the Hyderabad Police Service.

**Country: Qatar**

**Year:** 2016/17 and 2017/18

Funded by Qatar authorities this programme provided training relating to the policing of sport events. This programme comprised delivering training courses for Qatar Police

Officers on Operational Planning, Searching for Supervisors and Search Skills for Female Officers

**Country: Namibia**

**Year:** 2017/18 and 2018/19

Funded by UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund and delivered in collaboration with the National Crime Agency, Namibia Police Officers received training in child protection.

**Country: Pakistan**

**Year:** 2016/17 and 2017/18

This programme was funded by the (now) Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to support the development of the training capability at the Sihala Police College, Islamabad, Punjab. The programme had a prime focus on i) the provision of a generic train the trainer programme, ii) undertaking a Training Needs Analysis of crime investigation training and iii) and the development of bespoke crime investigation training packages to be delivered by the Punjab Police Service trainers.

**Country: Lebanon**

**Year:** 2019/20

This activity, funded by the (now) Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office comprised a training programme on the delivery of forensic evidence in court for the judiciary of the Military Tribunal of Lebanon.

**Country: Jamaica**

**Year:** 2017/18 and 2018/19

This activity, funded by European Union, comprised the design and delivery of an International Train the Trainer qualification for police officers at the National Police College of Jamaica.

**Country: Colombia**

**Year:** 2020/21 – current

This three year programme, funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, involves the provision of technical support to the UN International Organisation for Migration (IoM) to assist the development of the National Colombia Police, with a focus on:

- Community-based crime prevention
- Transformation of large-scale social conflicts from a rights-based approach
- Mainstreaming a gender approach into policing
- Development of Professional Standards

To date, the vast majority of training has been online and has been provided to National Colombia Police officers and UN IoM officials.

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For each online workshop a subject matter expert from Police Scotland was identified and presented to the NCP officers online. Each theme consisted of a design workshop followed by two further more detailed workshops.

In March 2022 members of the International Development and Innovation team with a representative of Police Scotland senior management travelled to Colombia to meet with senior representative of the NCP and FCDO to participate in and deliver to workshops related to the online work which had been delivered.

The culmination of the three year programme is the presentation by the NCP of their proposals for addressing the themes.

The IPAB and OSJA processes have been followed throughout the programmes.

### **Country: Greece**

Year: 2021/22

This activity, funded by the UK Crown Prosecution Service, comprised Hellenic police officers attending training on a Domestic Abuse Investigators Course

At this time, Police Scotland continue their relationship with the Hellenic Police Service in relation to Domestic Abuse Training.

An IPAB is submitted in relation to all activity with the Hellenic Police Service.

### **Country: Malta**

Year: 2021/22

This activity, funded by the National Coordinating Committee on Combating Money Laundering and Funding of Terrorism (NCC) comprised the delivery of forensic accountancy training for law enforcement officials in Malta.

### **Other**

Since 2016 Police Scotland has also collaborated with law enforcement officers from across the United States of America through various initiatives taking place both within the USA and hosting study visits in Scotland. Currently, Police Scotland is collaborating with the Police Executive Research Forum <https://www.policeforum.org/> USA to deliver a Strategic Leadership Development Programme.

In addition to the above training programmes, since 2016 Police Scotland has supported several inbound study visits to Scotland from police officers from various countries, e.g. hosting police officers from Germany under the Erasmus+ education programme.

Also, Police Scotland has hosted several international training programmes e.g. United Nations Masterclass on Leadership, Royal College of Defence Studies, European Union Police Services Training II programme on leadership, attended by police officers from a range of countries.

Funding for all the inbound activity is provided by the organising body / attending delegates.

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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 [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.