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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.

Please can you provide the number of police officers who have volunteered to carry Naloxone. Please can I have this for 2021 and 2022 to the end of August.

The Naloxone Test of Change in 2021 saw Police Officers in three Test Bed areas trained in Naloxone with their participation being wholly on a voluntary basis. The pilot was thereafter extended to two further areas, which again with participation on a voluntary basis.

I can confirm that 668 Police Scotland officers volunteered to carry Naloxone between the dates of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

Please be advised that it was announced in February 2022 that the Naloxone Project was to be rolled out nationally. The national rollout has commenced with some officers recently being trained, however it is <u>not</u> on a voluntary basis. Front line officers up to and including the rank of Inspector will receive naloxone training and a supply of naloxone, which is to be carried whenever on operational duties.

Further information regarding Officers carrying Naloxone can be found on the Police Scotland website:-

## Carriage of Naloxone by Police Scotland officers - Police Scotland

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 <a href="mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk">foi@scotland.police.uk</a> 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.





## **OFFICIAL**

You can apply <u>online</u>, by email to <u>enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info</u> 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 <u>Disclosure Log</u> in seven days' time.



