| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-1577  Responded to: 6th July 2023 |
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I refer to your recent correspondence seeking access to your own personal data.

Your request is technically a Subject Access Request(SAR)and it will therefore be considered in terms of the Data Protection Act 2018/ GDPR as explained on our [website](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/data-protection/subject-access-requests).

Our Data Protection team will contact you separately in relation to your SAR.

Because you mentioned FOI in your request, we are required by law to provide this *additional* response in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 specifically.

In terms of section 18 of that Act, I am therefore refusing to confirm or deny whether Police Scotland holds information about you.

The public interest overwhelmingly lies in protecting your right to privacy and an individual’s own personal information is exempt from disclosure in terms of the exemption at section 38(1)(a).

I understand that the statement above may seem confusing and/ or unhelpful in the circumstances but I would stress once again that this is the response to your FOI request only - a SAR will be progressed separately.

## Also please provide a copy of the guidance/protocol/process from Police Scotland in dealing with incidents reported in relation to the dangerous dog act.

## Where a dog attacks both another dog and a person.

## Eg how this is investigated from start to finish and whose responsibility it is to make a crime determination following an attack including who is responsible for contacting eye witnesses and so on. There should be a full process guidance which shows the process from date incident is reported and what information is required from complainant/victim and what then occurs.

Police Scotland does not hold any policy or guidance etc. which relates to Dangerous Dogs specifically.

As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

You may be interested in Police Scotland’s [Crime Investigating Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/uwwcamlx/crime-investigation-sop.pdf) which would apply more generally to the investigating of offences.

If you require any further assistance please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.