| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1184  Responded to: 08 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am requesting information in regard to all Scottish police force activities in Malawi, Africa in the financial year of 2024/2025**

**Clarification received:**

## It is specifically in regard to anything relating to FGM

In response to your request, I can advise the following:

Activity undertaken in Malawi during 2024-2025 specifically relating to FGM involved one two-week training course which took place from the 24 January 2025 until the 9 February 2025. The course involved training for the role of a Sexual Offences Liaison Officer, during which an awareness lesson was delivered on FGM. The lesson covered how FGM is dealt with in Scotland with the aim of influencing attitudes on FGM to Malawi policing colleagues and communities.

The focus on FGM forms a small part of the wider programme that is delivered in Malawi which addresses sexual offences and child protection training more broadly where a further 6 courses were run in Malawi and one advanced investigator course was run in Scotland with officers from Malawi in attendance.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

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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.