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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 Automatic External Defibrillators that are in place in the Scotland Police force.**
- 2. The number of AEDs in place in police forces across your region and the UK.**

Firstly, I must advise you that I am unable to provide you with a response relating to the UK in general, as Police Scotland only holds information relating to Scotland. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, the information you seek in relation to the UK is not held by Police Scotland.

As of July 2021, Police Scotland have 174 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) across Scotland (40 waiting installation).

Whilst Police Scotland have purchased a number of AED within our estate, we also host AED which have been donated to Police Scotland or purchased through joint initiative funding.

The British Heart Foundation have a system which is used by the Scottish Ambulance Service for tracing the nearest AED:-

<https://www.defibfinder.uk/>

- 3. Where are AEDs distributed in your organization? Are they typically found in intervention vehicles and/or stations?**

AEDs are distributed across Police Scotland's buildings both internally and externally, and also house a number of mobile AEDs within Firearms, Road Traffic and more recently, Response vehicles.

- 4. What brands of AED does your organization use or consider? Is it possible to say what brands police services are using across the UK and to give an estimate of their market share in 2020/2021?**

Police Scotland host numerous brands of AEDs. In 2022, Police Scotland secured a contract with Aero Healthcare who will be the main AED distributor until November 2023 when the contract will be reviewed.

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The two devices that Police Scotland have received so far from Aero Healthcare are Heartsine 500P and Lifepak CR Plus/2.

Police Scotland currently house the following AEDs:-

Phillips Heartstart FRX / FR2+ / HIS
Defibtec DDU-E
Zollo AED Plus / Pro
Cardiac Science G5 / G3
Laerdal Heartstart
IPAD U / K
AED Lifepak
Heartsine 500P
Samaritan SAM500P
Lifepak CR Plus / 2
CU Medical Systems
Medtronic Lifepak

Please note that this is not exhaustive as we are regularly gifted AEDs from members of the public or Charity organisations.

5. Would the police services typically use simple or complex AEDs, or both?

Police Scotland typically use semi-automatic or automatic AEDs.

6. On average, what is the purchasing price of an AED that police services are paying?

On average, Police Scotland will pay between £1,200 and £2,000, depending on AED type i.e. wall fixed or mobile, and accessories, e.g. carry case, wall cover, prep kits etc.

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 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 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.

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