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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.

**Can you please advise how many schools in Scotland have a Police Constable assigned to them? Can you also advise the reason for the need for Police in our schools. Can you also advise how many Police hours have been used up annually in this way since the introduction of on campus Police.**

Currently there are 87.995 FTE of School Campus Officers and School/Youth Engagement Officer. We are not in a position to detail the schools that these officers serve but can confirm that most schools, while they might not have a Campus Constable, will have a designated Schools Liaison Officer. This will invariably be the Local Community Constable who will act as a conduit between the Police and the School. Due to not all officers who attend a school are marked solely as School Campus Officers and School/Youth Engagement Officer this information would not be recorded. Therefore, section 17 of the above act applies, notice that information is not held.

Police Campus Officers are based in both primary and secondary schools across Scotland. They act as a source of advice for children on a number of matters including the dangers of alcohol and drugs or road safety, and provide a familiar point of contact within the school environment to seek advice, or discuss issues or concerns.

Campus Officers are often involved in other community activities and are extremely useful point of contact to liaise with re further information on young people and their families and diversionary activities in their area.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Edinburgh on 0131 311 3901 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.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

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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.

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