| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1961Responded to: 3rd July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## *Please provide the police force’s current operational guidance or internal training materials on handling reports of economic abuse as defined in Section 1(3)(d) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.*

Unfortunately, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, I can advise that the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 mentioned does not extend to Scotland. However, to be of assistance, you may be interested in Police Scotland’s Domestic Abuse Investigation Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for relevant details:

[Domestic Abuse Investigation SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/fuaflohy/domestic-abuse-investigation-sop.pdf)

In this instance, the Standard Operating Procedure notes that Police Scotland defines domestic abuse as:

“Any form of physical, verbal, sexual, psychological or financial abuse which might amount to criminal conduct and which takes place within the context of a relationship.”

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 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 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.