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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.

- Q1. Does your department use any form of 3D recreation in relation to floor plans or crime scenes?**
Q2. If yes, what devices/software do you use?
Q3. Is the 3D recreation software you use sufficient for its purpose within your department?
Q4. Does your department use any form of CAD in relation to 2D floor plans or crime scenes?
Q5. If your department does not use any form of CAD or 3D recreational software why is this?
Q6. On average how many cases are each of these methods used per year:
1. CAD
2. 3D recreation software
- Q7. Typically what crime types are each method used for?**
1. CAD
2. 3D recreation software
- Q8. Are there any qualifying criteria for these methods to be used? (CAD, 3D recreation software)**

I would firstly advise that in almost all cases, the information you have requested will relate to information held by the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) rather than Police Scotland. You may wish to contact them directly to see if any information is held and I have included their contact details below.

<https://www.spa.police.uk/about-us/accessing-information/>

Notwithstanding this, I have contacted the departments within the force likely to use CAD/3D plans and provide these details below. Our ICT and Specialist Crime Division provided a no information held return, advising that the SPA would be the relevant contact.

Q1. Does your department use any form of 3D recreation in relation to floor plans or crime scenes?

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Estates – Produce 2D drawings for estates purposes and occasionally a 3D visual

Road Policing - Yes we use a 3D laser scanner device which requires software to recreate the 3D image when downloaded.

Q2. If yes, what devices/software do you use?

Estates – SketchUp

Road Policing - The 3D laser scanning devices we use are: Trimble X7 3D laser Scanner and Trimble SX10 Scanning Total Station. Software used is Trimble Realworks.

Q3. Is the 3D recreation software you use sufficient for its purpose within your department?

I must conclude that as it does not seek a copy of recorded information, it is not a valid request in terms of Section 8 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

By way of explanation, your question is seeking an opinion which is not considered recorded information as per the Act.

Q4. Does your department use any form of CAD in relation to 2D floor plans or crime scenes?

Estates – Yes, AutoCAS

Road Policing – Yes, Relmo from AiTS.

Q5. If your department does not use any form of CAD or 3D recreational software why is this?

Estates – N/A

Road Policing – N/A

Q6. On average how many cases are each of these methods used per year:

1. CAD

Estates – No formal records are kept. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by Police Scotland.

Road Policing – No record of the average number of cases is kept. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by Police Scotland.

2. 3D recreation software

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Q7. Typically what crime types are each method used for?

1. CAD

Estates – N/A

Road Policing – N/A

2. 3D recreation software

Estates – N/A

Road Policing - Mainly used for Serious and Fatal Road Traffic Collisions where the locus/scene has been 3D scanned to capture all physical evidence and road layout. Used where a Serious Crime Scene has been 3D scanned or a Fatal Injury has occurred at work where HSE are involved.

Q8. Are there any qualifying criteria for these methods to be used? (CAD, 3D recreation software)

Estates - Staff training/ease of use software and compatibility with external contractors abilities and systems. Most of the colleagues currently using CAD have used it in previous roles and companies and third party contractors use it.

Road Policing – No, we would however normally use 3D in all cases unless a specific request for 2D was made by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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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