

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2237  
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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 I please have a copy of all police policy's that they have to follow**

In terms of section 14(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to respond to your request on the basis that I consider it to be 'repeated'.

In request 22-1799 you asked for 'Every policy in [Police] Scotland'

I appreciate that request was responded to in terms of section 14(1), taking account of the further content and other circumstances, but I note that you were provided with a link to our Police Scotland policy documents which I include again for reference:

[Policies and Procedures - Police Scotland](#)

### **And all the laws that police officers can use**

In terms of section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to provide you with the information sought.

Section 16 requires Police Scotland when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

- (a) states that it holds the information,
- (b) states that it is claiming an exemption,
- (c) specifies the exemption in question and
- (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested and the exemption that I consider to be applicable is set out at section 25(1) of the Act - information otherwise accessible:

*"Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under Section 1(1) is exempt information"*

## OFFICIAL

All legislation is available online via the following link:

[Legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

You may also find the Scottish Crime Recording Standard of interest as it sets out the Scottish Government Justice Department crime classifications along with the relevant legislation for each:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/p0nfjj2c/scottish-crime-recording-standard-crime-recording-and-counting-rules-april-2021.pdf?view=Standard>

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](mailto: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](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.