| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1571  Responded to: 18 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Does Police Scotland obtain location information from Google Sensorvault?

Having considered your request in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland in terms of section 18 of the Act.

Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

- It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held

- If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure in terms of one or more of the exemptions set out in sections 28 to 35, 38, 39(1) or 41 of the Act.

In this case if the information requested was held, I consider that it would be exempt from disclosure in terms of the following exemptions:

* Section 31(1) - National Security
* Section 35(1)(a) &(b) - Law Enforcement

Confirming or denying if information is held would show those with criminal intent what the capacity, tactical abilities and capabilities of the force are, allowing them to target specific areas to conduct their criminal/terrorist activities. Confirming or denying the specific circumstances in which Police Scotland may or may not have deployed the use of this technology may lead to an increase of harm to investigations and would compromise law enforcement. This would be to the detriment of providing an efficient policing service and a failure in providing a duty of care to all members of the public.

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) 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](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.