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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.

I would request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act of 2002:

A copy of the code of conduct that the police would consider would be contracted if a male or female police officer was to have consensual sexual relations with a female or transgender female adult prostitute.

Following clarification from you, you advised that "contracted" should be "contradicted".

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

By way of explanation there is no specific code of conduct that covers the precise set of circumstances you have questioned above.

I can advise that all misconduct matters fit into one or more of the ten Standards of Professional Behaviour. To be of assistance please see the link below.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/who-we-are/our-standards-of-professional-behaviour/>

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.

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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 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.