| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0397  Responded to: 26 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Do you routinely support victims of trafficking and modern slavery to submit a reconsideration request to the Competent Authorities within the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) following a negative Reasonable Ground or Conclusive Ground decision?

No

## If the answer to question 1 is negative, could you please provide a reason.

Police Scotland do not take any lead or responsibility regarding reconsideration request to the Competent Authorities within the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) following a negative Reasonable Ground or Conclusive Ground decision. This would fall to the victim’s legal representation or support agency.

## If you are not able to support the individual with submitting a reconsideration request, do you routinely signpost them to other organisations?

On the individual reporting being a victim of Human Trafficking to Police Scotland they would be signposted to a support organisation. When a negative Reasonable Ground or Conclusive Ground decision is given, Police Scotland wouldn’t signpost them elsewhere. The original support organisation should assist in a reconsideration request.

## Can you provide the number of reconsiderations requests you have submitted for the year 2023 and 2024? Could you please provide this data breakdown by year?

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, this information is not recorded.

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.