| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-3243  Responded to: 14 October 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I would like to request any information held in relation to the death of Norman McSween who died after police were called to his house in Calderwood, East Kilbride. I understand that the Police Investigations and Reviews Commissoner looked into the circumstances of this incident.**

We can confirm that this case was referred to the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC), who investigated the full circumstances following Police contact with the deceased.

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

* Section 34(2)(b) - Investigations

Information is exempt if it is held for the purpose of an investigation carried out for the purpose of making a report to the Procurator Fiscal as respects the cause of death of a person.

* Section 35(1)(g) in conjunction with (2)(c) - Prejudice to the exercise of functions

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the exercise by Police Scotland of its functions for the purpose of ascertaining whether a person is responsible for conduct which is improper.

Whilst we wholly recognise the need for transparency around deaths following contact with the police, this must be balanced with the need to ensure that there is no compromise to the investigative process, nor any breach to the expectation of confidence that relates to personal data.

Whilst I accept that this investigation is of significant interest to the public, details will only ever be released where there are overwhelming public interest considerations for doing so, given the need to protect the integrity of the investigative process and the reporting to COPFS and PIRC, not to mention the distress for the family and friends of the deceased.

Police Scotland do not routinely release details of PIRC investigations into the public domain, but you may wish to contact them for further information.

[informationrequests@pirc.gov.scot](mailto:informationrequests@pirc.gov.scot)

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.