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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Can you advise what a ‘Structure Patrol Matrix’ is ?

## Also, please advise if Police Scotland utilise such a matrix for officer patrols and, if so, how and where throughout the Force it is utilised ?

Unfortunately, ‘Structure Patrol Matrix’ is *not* an officiallyrecognised term, thus the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To be of assistance, I can advise that the term ‘Structure Patrol Matrix’ does appear in some documents, usually in regard to planning documentation for organised events such as football matches or protests, to describe how officers will be deployed on the day. However, it is not a term comprehensively used throughout all such documents, and appears to be terminology that is interchangeable with officer duties/ planned deployments etc.

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.

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