| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1123  Responded to: 28 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to know who are the people employed in NPCC and Gold Command, who is in charge of them and qualifications.

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 section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

UK Covid-19 Inquiry

Details of the command structures and liaison between organisations can be found within NPCC Chair’s statements to the Covid-19 Public Inquiry.

The module 2a statement of DCC Speirs also highlights the command structure within Police Scotland. This statement also details the liaison between Police Scotland and the NPCC throughout the pandemic.

## The piece of paper I have seems to say Assistant Chief Constable Spiers issued the directive for Gold Command but, it does not actually say what the directive actually said, so could you please be kind enough to send me a copy…

## A copy of the directive is attached separately.

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.