

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0055
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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.

1 - Please can you provide copies of any current policies and guidance documents held by your Police force/constabulary in relation to dealing with Gypsy, Roma, Traveller (GRT) communities.

Please see the attached extract of the Diversity Booklet A Practical Guide, which specially refer to Gypsy/Traveller, Czech/Slovak and Roma communities.

Work is currently ongoing to produce and publish the initial version of the 'Gypsies/ Travellers – Response to Unauthorised Encampments' national guidance document. The document is currently in draft form and will be published under the publication scheme on Police Scotland's website within the next 4 weeks.

Section 27(1) - information intended for future publication.

Information is exempt information if it is held with a view to being published at a date not later than twelve weeks after that on which the request for information is made. This information will be published within that period.

The Hate Crime National Guidance and EqHRIA Summary of results – Hate Crime National Guidance are publicly available and accordingly, the following exemption is applicable:

Section 25(1) – Information otherwise accessible

Please see the links provided below:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/5yagp2ye/hate-crime-national-guidance.doc>

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/qlqfuo45/eqhria-summary-of-results-for-hate-crime-national-guidance.doc>

For further information, please see the link below to the Equality and Diversity section on Police Scotland's website

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/equality-and-diversity>

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In particular any policies/guidance relating to the handling of complaints of anti-GRT discrimination and/or dealing with complaints made about GRT communities.

In relation to the handling of complaints, all matters are considered with the terms of the Complaints about the Police Standard Operations Procedure (SOP).

The Complaints about the Police SOP is publicly available and accordingly, the following exemption is applicable:

Section 25(1) – Information otherwise accessible

Please see the link provided below:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/fifhh5vo/complaints-about-the-police-sop.pdf>

This is an absolute exemption and does not require consideration of the public interest test.

Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact Information Management – Glasgow at foiglasgow@scotland.police.uk 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.

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.