

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1319
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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.

- a) **What are the entry requirements for recruitment as a police officer to Police Scotland via the modern apprenticeship scheme?**
- b) **How many applications for the police officer apprenticeship scheme have been received each year for the past five years?**
- c) **How many applications for the police officer apprenticeship scheme have been received each year for the past five years by applicants who meet all of the entry requirements?**
- d) **How many police officers have been recruited via the apprenticeship scheme over the past five years?**

In response to these questions I can advise you that Police Scotland does not recruit via a Modern Apprentice Scheme and section 17 of the Act therefore applies - the information sought is *not held*.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.pnn.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.