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

## Further to my previous FOI request (FOI 25 0151), I am writing to request information on Operation Tarlac.

## I would like to know:

## (1) What categories of data are being collated and stored by Police Scotland for this operation

## (2) When these data (or part of these data) will be made available to the general public

Operation Tarlac, was designed to enhance support for local policing efforts, deliver consistencies in policing response and align with existing counter-terrorism frameworks to ensure public safety and community cohesion.  As you will be aware, Freedom of Information legislation provides a right of access to recorded information only and in that regard, I can advise you that there is no set list of data types being collated and stored by Police Scotland, nor does the operation attract a specific retention period.  As such, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To be of assistance, our Record Retention SOP sets out the periods for which all Police Scotland data will be stored. This can be found at [Standard Operating Procedures P-S - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/policies-and-procedures/standard-operating-procedures/standard-operating-procedures-p-s/)

As regards to data types, this could conceivably cut across most categories - everything from incidents and crimes through to financial information and of course, FOIs.  As regards to when data will be made available to the public, there is no overarching communications strategy in relation to the operation.  Requests for information will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. ​

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.