| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1247  Responded to: 14 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The retention policy for body-worn video footage within Police Scotland.

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 within the Record Retention SOP (page 171, OPS-60 refers)

[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/)

## 2. Confirmation of whether the footage in question has been reviewed, downloaded, or stored.

## 3. The scheduled deletion date of the footage, if applicable.

Your request is technically a Subject Access Request(SAR)and it will therefore be considered in terms of the Data Protection Act 2018/ GDPR as explained on our [website](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/data-protection/subject-access-requests).

Our Data Protection team will contact you separately in relation to your SAR.

Because you mentioned FOI in your request, we are required by law to provide this *additional* response in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 specifically.

In terms of section 18 of that Act, I am therefore refusing to confirm or deny whether Police Scotland holds information about you.

The public interest overwhelmingly lies in protecting your right to privacy and your own personal data is exempt from disclosure in terms of the exemption at section 38(1)(a).

I understand that this response may be confusing in the circumstances, but I would stress that this is the response to your FOI request only - a SAR will be progressed 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.