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

**Please advise of conflict of interest policy of serving police officers regarding  members of public , friends , relatives etc in private life or matters with conflict of interest or business matters or being involved in investigation relating to a friend or relative etc.  I see COI policies online for other police forces but cannot see clear guidelines for police Scotland.**

The Police Scotland’s Data Protection Act Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) provides all employees of Police Scotland with guidance on the correct use of personal data held, examples of misuse and details of criminal offences under Data Protection Act 2018 legislation. Please see page 14 for information relating to your request at the following link: [Standard Operating Procedures D-F - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/policies-and-procedures/standard-operating-procedures/standard-operating-procedures-d-f/)

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.