| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2819  Responded to: 08 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I would like to request a copy of your policies on Family Liaison Officers, in particular, in relation to their deployment in the case of families bereaved by suicide.**

**I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:**

**1. What guidance do you follow for the deployment of family liaison officers?**

**(a) National Police Chiefs Council found here: Working with victims and witnesses | College of Policing**

**(b) Your own guidance or policies, if so, please may you provide a copy**

**(c) Other, please detail what these are**

**2. Does your guidance allow for the deployment of Family Liaison Officer’s in the case of families bereaved by suicide?**

**(a) Yes, if so, please detail the requirement for deployment**

**(b) No, if not please detail the reason for this**

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:

[Family Liaison National Guidance - Police Scotland website](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/32bfd3yi/family-liaison-national-guidance-publication-scheme.docx).

[Suicide Prevention Guidance - Police Scotland website](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/istpgrap/suicide-prevention-guidance.doc) ​

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.