| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0814  Responded to: 17 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am requesting information regarding the implementation of changes to Notification Requirements for registered sex offenders in Scotland in response to provisions in the Crime and Policing Bill currently before the UK Parliament. Specifically, I would like to know:**

1. **Whether the changes to Notification Requirements in England and Wales, which will allow notifications to be made virtually (online or by electronic device), are planned for adoption in Scotland.**
2. **If so, the anticipated timeline for their adoption.**
3. **What form the changes to notifications will take.**
4. **What steps Police Scotland and/or the Scottish Government are taking to prepare for these changes.**

The Crime and Policing Bill was only introduced to the House of Commons and given its First Reading on Tuesday 25th February 2025. With MP’s considering the Bill at Second Reading on Monday 10th March. At this time, this is more a matter for the UK and Scottish Governments. Therefore, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

The proposed changes to legislation are at an early stage. Police Scotland are aware of these proposed amendments and are in discussion with the Scottish Government in relation to the Bill.

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).

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