| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0849  Responded to: 27th April 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Involvement of the Police**

**The primary role of the Police is to ensure the safety of medical/nursing staff and the public. Police vehicles should not be used to transport patients either to hospital or in the transfer of patients between hospitals.**

**There may be exceptional circumstances where Police will be required to provide back-up for nursing staff and ambulance crews involved in the transfer of “HIGH RISK” or VIOLENT patients to Royal Cornhill Hospital**

**When Police back-up is required for the above, the Duty Doctor should contact Grampian Police Service Centre on: 0845 – 600 – 5- 700 and liaise with the Duty Controller in the Force Control Room who will co-ordinate the control Police response.**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, How does NHS Grampian comply with it own PEP, and interact and liaise with Police Scotland when undertaking a welfare/Safe check.**

Section 17 of the Act applies to this part of your request - the information sought is not held by Police Scotland. You may wish to contact NHS Grampian if you haven’t already.

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, does Police Scotland liaise with NHS Grampian to have medical staff available, when undertaking a welfare/ Safe check.**

In terms of section 8 of the Act, this part of your correspondence does not appear to sufficiently describe the *recorded information* sought from Police Scotland.

To be of assistance I would advise you that any liaison with NHS Grampian and/ or other partner agencies will be detailed in individual incident reports/ custody records etc as appropriate.

**How long should a Police cell be used as place of Safety.**

In terms of section 16 of the Act, I am refusing to provide you with the information sought on the basis that it is publicly available. Section 16 requires Police Scotland to:

(a) state that it holds the information,

(b) state that it is claiming an exemption,

(c) specify the exemption in question and

(d) state, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Police Scotland and the exemption that I consider to be applicable is set out at section 25(1) of the Act:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under Section 1(1) is exempt information”

I would refer you to:

[Mental Health and Place of Safety SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/552h0t3x/mental-health-and-place-of-safety-sop.doc)

[Care and Welfare of Persons in Police Custody SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/0mfjn3pa/care-and-welfare-of-persons-in-police-custody-sop.pdf)

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.