| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0599  Responded to: 21 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am currently modifying a game to roleplay as Police Scotland. Everything that I have is complete except for the counter terrorism section. I am unsure of how they work, what uniforms they wear and vehicles they drive. In Met Police its very clear they drive Toyota RAV 4s, wearing CTSFO grey vests and tactical gear etc.**

**I was wondering if I could gather minimal information like the types of cars they drive. Are they unmarked? SUVs, sedans etc? Do they wear vests branded with CTSFO or do they usually go plain clothed.**

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 following exemptions apply:

## Section 31(1) - National Security Section 35(1)(a)&(b) Law Enforcement Section 39(1) - Health and Safety

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders, the ability of Police Scotland to keep people safe from harm and the ability to safeguard national security.

Disclosure would assist groups, organisations and those with hostile intent by providing them with a tactical advantage when planning or perpetrating any unlawful activities, thereby maximising the impact of destruction, harm and disruption that may be caused, whilst avoiding being brought to justice.

Public accountability may favour disclosure, given that the information concerns the efficient and effective use of resources by the Service. Likewise, disclosure of the information would also inform the public debate on the issue of policing and contribute to the accuracy of that debate.

However, any disclosure under FOI legislation is a disclosure to the world at large and any information identifying the focus of policing activity could be used to the advantage of criminals.

Consequently, in terms of the applicability of the exemptions listed above, the need to ensure the effective conduct of the service in relation to prevention and detection of crime and the public safety considerations involved in the delivery of operational policing clearly favour non-disclosure of the information requested.

It is important to note that the UK faces a serious and sustained threat from violent extremists and this threat is greater in scale and ambition than any terrorist threats in the past.

Accordingly, I would argue that the need to ensure the efficient and effective conduct of the service favours non-disclosure of the information requested and on balance is significantly in the public interest. I cannot identify any corresponding viewpoint in disclosing the requested information and therefore the exemptions are upheld.

I must advise you that it is doubtful it could ever be in the public interest to disclose information which would jeopardise the delivery of policing and the safety of individuals and prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

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.