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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Use of PPL/ PRS by specific work area(s) & purpose

Could you please provide more detail on where and why music is played? Is the decision to do so down to individual boards? Is there guidance provided to these boards as to the appropriate use of music? If so what is that guidance.

Is music played in station reception areas? Is it played within custodial suites? Is it played in offices? If it is played in offices (or anywhere else) do officers have a choice? What is the purpose of playing this music a) in custodial suite areas b) police work areas?

For those that don't like music can a) officers b) detainees ask that it be turned off?

Have any police boards declined to pay for licences and therefore do not allow the playing of music?

Can officers play music in their cars or on their radios?

In response to your request, please be advised that Freedom of Information provides a right of access to recorded information only and there's no information held by Police Scotland that specifically relates to the question posed. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

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If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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