| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1728  Responded to: 11 June 2025 |
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I refer to part two of your recent correspondence, which is replicated below, together with our response.

## Can you please direct me to advice on “weeding” of criminal records.

This is technically a Freedom of Information (FOI) request in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 specifically.

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 under Section 1(1) is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available via the following link:

[Record Retention SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/nhobty5i/record-retention-sop.docx) (page 80 onward)​.

The first part of your correspondence will be dealt with as a Subject Access Request (SAR) in terms of the Data Protection Act 2018/ GDPR as explained on our [website](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/data-protection/subject-access-requests).

Our Data Protection team will contact you separately in relation to your SAR.

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.