



LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 24 November, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

Was Chief Constable Jo Farrell paid a fee for relocation to Scotland? If yes, was it in cash or electronically?

Did Jo Farrell state her plans for relocation? If yes, what were her plans? Or did she intend to stay in her home in Durham?

How much was offered as a relocation fee?

Response

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority is able to provide the following.

Was Chief Constable Jo Farrell paid a fee for relocation to Scotland? If yes, was it in cash or electronically?

To date Chief Constable Jo Farrell has not claimed or been paid any relocation expenses. As such, the Scottish Police Authority does not hold the information requested.¹

¹ This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

By means of explanation, senior officers requiring to relocate following appointment are entitled to claim relocation expenses in line with the arrangements set out in the published [Chief Officer Relocation](#) Procedure.

Did Jo Farrell state her plans for relocation? If yes, what were her plans? Or did she intend to stay in her home in Durham?

The Scottish Police Authority does not hold any information related to the information requested.²

How much was offered as a relocation fee?

The [Chief Officer Relocation](#) Procedure provides details of the financial assistance available to Chief Officers who are required to move home on joining the Scottish Police Authority (SPA)/Police Scotland.³

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to foi@spa.police.uk or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

After review, if you remain dissatisfied, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

An anonymised version of this response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

² This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

³ This is a notice in terms of Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - the authority considers that the information is already available, therefore there is no need to provide an alternative right of access to it through FOISA.