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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

### REQUEST DETAILS

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 27 January 2022 in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

*I note that your response states that POLICE SCOTLAND and the Police Service of Scotland are the same entity however the attached pdf shows that POLICE SCOTLAND is registered as a corporation with a Dunn and Bradstreet credit file number.*

*As the overseeing police body I would be concerned about the possibility of a separate legal entity conducting police business so as a follow on FOI could you please provide all information the SPA have regarding the POLICE SCOTLAND corporation registered with Dunn and Bradstreet number 238201164, for example any investigations, correspondence and board minutes.*

### RESPONSE

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

The Scottish Police Authority do not hold the information requested.

Therefore, this represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Information not held.

Police Scotland, the Police Service of Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority are not registered as a corporation or company. The Police Service of Scotland, is more commonly known as Police Scotland and is the same organisation. These bodies were created by legislation by The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 rather than through a company registration.

Dun & Bradstreet, as a private company, are able to issue registration numbers, however, [Companies House](#) maintains the official registrar of companies and filings in the United Kingdom.

The Scottish Police Authority do not hold any information on another entity under the registration number provided.

Information on Police Scotland and how the service is run is available on the Police Scotland website.<sup>1</sup> Information may also be available by contacting Police Scotland. Information on how to make an FOI request to Police Scotland is provided via the link below –

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/>

The business of the Authority and its committees are conducted in line with the SPA Governance Framework<sup>2</sup>. The agendas and papers for public sessions are published on our website, in advance, and meetings are available to watch online via Livestream.<sup>3</sup>

## RIGHT TO REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with you are entitled, in the first instance, and within 40 working days of receiving this response, to request a review of our actions and decisions. Should you wish to do so, please contact us at the following address, stating what has caused your dissatisfaction and what you require us to review:

Information Management, Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ- [FOI@spa.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FOI@spa.pnn.police.uk)

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS - [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal).

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

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.spa.police.uk/spa-media/dfjfqjrm/spa-corporate-governance-framework-final\\_approved-at-nov-board.pdf](https://www.spa.police.uk/spa-media/dfjfqjrm/spa-corporate-governance-framework-final_approved-at-nov-board.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.spa.police.uk/meetings/>