



## 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 20 February, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

What is the current Police Scotland process for responding to unaccompanied asylum seekers who present at PS premises and state that they are under the age of 18? Please include any formal procedures or SOPs governing this process.

On 21 February we sought clarification that your request was intended for the Scottish Police Authority as it refers to Police Scotland. We advised that the Authority does not hold information on operational policing matters and provided assistance in the way of a link to Police Scotland's policies and procedures available on their website. On 27 February you responded to confirm that you wished the Authority to process your request.

#### Response

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

The Scottish Police Authority does not hold the information requested.<sup>1</sup>

The Scottish Police Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland and does not hold information on operational policing matters.

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

Police Scotland are the constabulary responsible for policing across Scotland and is separate from the Scottish Police Authority. Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk)

To assist, a link is again provided to [policies and procedures](#) available on Police Scotland's website.

### **Right to Review**

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request to [foi@spa.police.uk](mailto:foi@spa.police.uk) or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto: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.

This response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

**SPA Corporate Management**