



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 29 October, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

We are currently running a competitive analysis of various forms official software, in order to assist public bodies (where we can) to get the best value for money.

We are currently considering software relating to the Police National Computer "PNC". We are using this website to assist organisations by reducing the likeliness of them having to respond to similar enquiries in the near future.

In order to assist us, we would be grateful if you could please provide (at your earliest convenience) a copy of your most recent PNC Supply Agreement, an equivalent for CAF/CASS is referred to by HMICFRS (see:

In any case, please confirm:

- Whether you use the software referred to as "PNC Guard and Transaction Analyser" ("PNC Guard")
- Whether you continue to have access to PNC Transaction Logs
- How many licenses you hold for the PNC
- How many licenses you hold for the PNC Guard
- What form of devices you are able to use to access the PNC (laptops, phones, tablets, etc)
- Whether that access to view Transaction Logs includes those made by other organisations
- What time period you are able to refer back to in order to review transaction logs made by your own organisation
- What time period you are able to refer back to in order to review transaction logs made by other organisations
- Whether you are able to delete entries made to the PNC
- Whether you are able to delete Transaction Logs without deleting the original entry
- How long you retain PNC data for
- How long you retain electronic Transaction Logs for
- If Transaction Logs are retained in a non-electronic format, please confirm this format, the length of time retained, and the manner of retention

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

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

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland. Requests can be submitted to Police Scotland via email to - foi@scotland.police.uk

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review. 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.

