



## LETTER SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

7 February 2025

FOI Ref 2024/25-106

### Request

Your request for information dated 31 January 2025 is copied below.

"I am writing to request information relating to domestic abuse training and investigations in Scotland since the 2018 act was implemented. I would like to know if there has been any feedback on the Domestic Abuse training. If so, have any amendments been made to the training of police officers? Furthermore, has the Scottish Police Authority made any recommendations for domestic abuse legislation in the future to the Scottish Government?"

### Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA).

The Authority does not hold the information requested.<sup>1</sup> By means of explanation, the Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland. Operational policing matters, including the training and development of officers and staff to support investigations is a matter for Police Scotland.

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) and you may wish to refer to [Police Scotland's Disclosure Log](#).

However, to assist, we can point to the following inspection, oversight and assurance which is publicly available and relates to your request:

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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.

- HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland carried out a review of domestic abuse and published their [report](#) in 2023. The Authority's Policing Performance Committee receive regular updates from Police Scotland on progress made against the recommendations in this report. The [most recent update](#) was provided in September 2024.
- The Policing Performance Committee also oversee the progress of Police Scotland's Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy. The [most recent progress update](#), in September 2024, mentions domestic abuse training.
- There is also relevant information in the Authority and Police Scotland's [Joint EDI Mainstreaming and Equality Outcomes Progress Report 2021-2023](#).

## **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](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@foi.scot](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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

**Scottish Police Authority**