



## 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 6 January, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

In August 2019 information was released that ninety-two officers had been accused of sexual assault/rape, that year. Three of the victims were WPC's.

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- a) How many officers were processed through the court system and prosecuted/admonished?
- b) How many officers remain/remained on duty following accusation?
- c) How many officers took nearly retirement as a result of those accusations?

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I would like the figures for each year since the inception of Police Scotland of the number of officers accused of sexual assault/rape:

- a) the number of officers taken to court and prosecuted/admonished.
- b) the number of those officers who remain/remained on duty following accusation.
- c) the number of those who took early retirement.

#### Response

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority is able to confirm;

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

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

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland. Information on how to make a request to Police Scotland is available at –

[Freedom of Information - Police Scotland](#)

### **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, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to [foi@spa.police.uk](mailto:foi@spa.police.uk) or by post to Corporate Management Team, Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

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.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Scottish Police Authority Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.