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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REQUEST DETAILS

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 8 October in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

I am writing to you about the number of abuse/harassments reports made by police officers over the last five years. The officers must have been on duty when the offense happened. I am requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act 2005. I do not wish to know any names involved in the cases only the number of cases reported and how the perpetrator assaulted the officer.

RESPONSE

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is able to provide the following;

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

The SPA 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.

By way of assistance, information may be available by contacting Police Scotland. Information on how to make a request to Police Scotland is provided at –

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

Also of interest may be quarterly health and safety reporting to the Authority's [People Committee](#) as regular incident monitoring includes police assaults. A link to the most recent Health and Safety Report presented to the People Committee on 31 August 2022 is provided –

<https://www.spa.police.uk/spa-media/bvjmtvgg/rep-c-20220823-item-5-1-q4-and-year-end-health-and-safety.pdf>

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 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 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.