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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REQUEST DETAILS

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 7 January in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

Please could you provide a full list of property owned by Scottish Police Authority including addresses, could you please include details where joint ownership or a similar agreement exists between Police Scotland and other organisations such as a neighbouring police force.

Please could you provide a full list of property rented or leased by Scottish Police Authority with addresses, used for a policing purpose or residential use by Scottish Police Authority

In the past 12 months has Scottish Police Authority rented any properties on a short term basis and if so could you please provide details including rent paid and any deposits or similar provided as part of the rental or lease of the property.

During the same period has Scottish Police Authority disposed of any buildings previously used for policing or in support of policing, if so please provide details of the building(s) disposed of.

Can you provide details of how buildings and estate are managed by Scottish Police Authority on behalf of Policing within your force area.

For clarity when I refer to property I mean buildings such as bases, offices, police stations, or other buildings used in support of a policing purpose.

RESPONSE

Please note, at present your request is not considered valid under the Act as only your first name is provided in the main text. The Scottish Information Commissioner provides guidance on how to make a valid request –

<https://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/HowDoIAsk.aspx>

This states "You must include your full name - it could be your first name and surname (e.g. Jane Smith), or first initial and surname (e.g. J Smith), or title and surname (e.g. Mrs Smith). A first name without a full surname will not be valid. Also, your name must be included in the main text of the request. It's not enough, for example, to rely on your name being visible in an email address or even as the sender of an email."

However, your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) 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.

By way of explanation, whilst some estates issues are considered by the Authority and its Resources and Legal committees (for which the agendas and papers for public sessions are published on our website in advance¹), the management and delivery of the estates function is delegated to Police Scotland which holds related information.

By way of assistance, Police Scotland's Estate Strategy² is available online.

Further information may be available by contacting Police Scotland, ensuring that you include your full name in the main text of your email if making a request -

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

You may also wish to refer to Police Scotland's Disclosure Log, where there are a number or responses related to estates matters -

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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.pnn.police.uk or by post to Corporate Management Team, Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

¹ <https://www.spa.police.uk/meetings/>

² <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/aumflsai/estate-strategy.pdf>

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.