



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 18 February, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

How many arrests has your force made of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide with intent to supply for recreational use since the 8th of November?

How many charges has your force made of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide with intent to supply for recreational use since the 8th of November?

How many prosecutions has your force pursued of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide with intent to supply for recreational use since the 8th of November?

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 requested.¹

¹ 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 on arrests and charges may be available by contacting Police Scotland at foi@scotland.police.uk

You may also wish to refer to [Police Scotland's Disclosure Log](#).

Information on prosecutions may be available by contacting the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) at foi@copfs.gov.uk

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request to 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@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](#) after seven days.