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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REQUEST DETAILS

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 27 May 2022 in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

Further to section 2.5 of the Scottish Police Authority's Mental Health Calls for Service report presented at its May 26 meeting (attached), please could you:

- Provide a breakdown of access to dedicated mental health professionals across Scotland's police stations and custody suites, detailing which police stations and custody suites in currently do and do not have access to these professionals.
- Provide me with any information and documentation used to compile section 2.5 of this report.
- Advise whether the Scottish Police Authority currently expects to meet the target laid out in Action 15 of the *Scottish Government Mental Health Strategy 2017 - 2027*, to "give access to dedicated mental health professionals to... every police station custody suite, and to our prisons"
 - Provide all evidence and documentation supporting this assessment

RESPONSE

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, the report for item 9 of the Authority meeting on 26 May 'Mental Health Calls for Service', was provided and presented by Police Scotland. The Scottish Police Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in

Scotland and does not hold information on operational policing matters such as the access to dedicated mental health professionals across police stations and custody suites. As the report was provided by Police Scotland, neither do we hold the information and documentation used to compile section 2.5, or the information required to provide an assessment on the achievement of action 15 of the Scottish Government Mental Health Strategy 2017–2027.

By way of assistance, this information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at –

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

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.