



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

I'm required to ask question in regards to the Police constables oath as follows,

"I, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of constable with fairness, integrity, diligence and impartiality, and that I will uphold fundamental rights and accord equal respect to all people, according to law. "

The question being: At what stage of employment does a trainee / police constable or police constable swear the oath of office?

#### 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 you have requested. Therefore, 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 may be available by contacting Police Scotland. Requests can be submitted to Police Scotland via email to - [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk)

To assist, a link is provided to a [news item](#) available on Police Scotland's website from June 2023, which may be of interest. This indicates that probationary constables swore their oath of office at the beginning of their initial training at Police Scotland Headquarters, Tulliallan.

### **Right to Review**

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to [foi@spa.police.uk](mailto:foi@spa.police.uk) or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

After review, if you remain dissatisfied, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto: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](#) in seven days' time.