



LETTER SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

25 March 2025

FOI Ref 2024/25-115

Request

Your request for information dated 2 March 2025 is copied below.

I wish to make a Freedom of Information request regarding the Scottish DNA Database.

Please can you inform me of any known situation where a member of the public can request a search for a match within the DNA database.

Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA).

The Authority does not hold information.¹

By means of explanation, the public cannot request a search of the Scottish DNA database managed by SPA Forensic Services. Searches can only be requested by law enforcement agencies.

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email 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@foi.scot or by letter to Scottish Information

¹ This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

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.

This response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

Scottish Police Authority

