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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REQUEST DETAILS

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 14 July in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

I am looking for information in regard to:

- *The use of Appropriate Adults compared to the amount of detentions within the last 5 years (year by year reports)*
- *Any reports of the effectiveness of appropriate adults*
- *Any other reports in regard to appropriate adults*

RESPONSE

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is able to provide the following;

The Scottish Police Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland. The Authority does not hold information on operational policing matters.

The SPA 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 assistance, information may be available by contacting Police Scotland. Information on how to make a request to Police Scotland is provided at:-
<http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/>

You may also be interested in Police Scotland's Appropriate Adults Standard Operating Procedure, available via the following link:-
<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/zvvpbczl/appropriate-adults-sop.pdf>

We would also advise that for your request to be considered valid under the Act you must include your full name in the main text of the request. The Scottish Information Commissioner provides guidance on valid name formats and this is linked for assistance - <https://www.itspublicknowledge.info/how-do-i-ask>

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.

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.