



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 13 January, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

Under Part 1 (section 2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 your authority has a duty to publish a report every 3 years of what steps you have taken to secure better or further effect within your area of responsibility of the UNCRC requirements.

The first 3 year period ended on 31 March 2020, and the second 3 year period will end on 31 March 2023.

Children's Rights Report 2017-20

1. A weblink or copy of your published report covering the first 3 year period (1 April 2017 – 31 March 2020).
2. However, if you have not yet published a report for this period can you confirm (yes/no) if you intend to do so,
 - 2.1 And if yes, an indication of when it will be published.

Children's Rights Report 2020-23

3. Has your authority started work on preparing this report? Yes/No.
4. When do you intend to publish the report?
5. Will it be published as a separate report or as part of another report? Yes/No. For example, within your annual report.

5.1 And if 'yes', published as part of another report – can you provide the name/description of the other report?

6. Are you producing a joint report with another authority? Yes/No.

6.1 And if 'yes' – which authority?

7. Do you intend to create a child friendly version of the report? Yes/No.

8. Please provide the name and contact details of the overall lead within your authority for preparing the report.

9. Please do add in any additional information you would like to share regarding the process used to develop the report – for example whether you have involved children and young people in drafting it, whether you adopted the cluster approach as recommended by the relevant Scottish Government guidance, or the governance process used for sign off.

Response

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority is able to provide the following:

Children's Rights Report 2017-20

1. A weblink or copy of your published report covering the first 3 year period (1 April 2017 – 31 March 2020).

Response: Our Children's Rights Report 2017-2020 is publicly accessible on our website and is linked below for assistance:

[Children's Rights report 2017-2020](#)

2. However, if you have not yet published a report for this period can you confirm (yes/no) if you intend to do so,

2.1 And if yes, an indication of when it will be published.

Response: Not applicable.

3. Has your authority started work on preparing this report? Yes/No.

Response: Yes, the Authority collates information throughout the year on events and initiatives in relation to children and young people. This information forms the basis of content and statistical information contained in our published report.

4. When do you intend to publish the report?

5. Will it be published as a separate report or as part of another report? Yes/No. For example, within your annual report.

Response: The Authority intends to publish a dedicated Children's Rights Report for 2020-2023 by 30 September 2023.

5.1 And if 'yes', published as part of another report – can you provide the name/description of the other report?

Response: Not applicable.

6. Are you producing a joint report with another authority? Yes/No.

Response: No.

6.1 And if 'yes' – which authority?

Response: Not applicable.

7. Do you intend to create a child friendly version of the report? Yes/No.

Response: No.

8. Please provide the name and contact details of the overall lead within your authority for preparing the report.

Response: Scott Ross, Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny, Scottish Police Authority Scott.Ross@spa.police.uk

9. Please do add in any additional information you would like to share regarding the process used to develop the report – for example whether you have involved children and young people in drafting it, whether you adopted the cluster approach as recommended by the relevant Scottish Government guidance, or the governance process used for sign off.

Response: The Authority is the primary governance and oversight body for policing in Scotland. We consider closely any proposals, interactions or policies in relation to children and young people. To aid our scrutiny, we work closely with Children's and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ), Social Work Scotland and other bodies including Local Government to shape views of policing's interactions with children and young people. We have recently delivered, with partners, an event to explore Places of Safety for Children in Conflict with the Law.

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.

