



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

We seek information regarding complaints made against the [named individual]. We seek the following specific information:

- 1.The number of complaints made, if any, regarding [named individual], employed by the Scottish Police Authority, by any other employees of the Scottish Police Authority at any time during his employment;
- 2.The date of any such complaints;
- 3.The outcomes of any such complaints;
- 4.The nature of any such complaints including any specific allegations made against [named individual].

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.

To explain, the Scottish Police Authority, Police Scotland and the Police Investigations and Reviews Commissioner (PIRC) all have a role to play in considering relevant complaints, as defined under the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006.

The Scottish Police Authority are responsible for handling relevant complaints about:

- A Board member of the Authority
- A staff member of the Authority (including Forensic Services staff)
- The Authority itself (for example quality of service, policies or procedures)
- Assistant Chief Constable
- Deputy Chief Constable
- Chief Constable

Police Scotland is responsible for handling complaints about police staff working for Police Scotland. Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland. Requests can be submitted to - foi@scotland.police.uk

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 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 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.