



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

1. How many SARs (not other types of data protection requests) have been made to the police in the last 12 months?
2. How many SAR requests have gone over a deadline (either the standard 30 day allocation or the extended 90 day allocation for more complicated responses)?
3. How many staff are usually contacted to provide data to contribute to the request?
4. On average how many hours are spent dealing with a SAR?
5. Do you have any software to assist with SAR production and if so, which?
6. Who has budget responsibility over the costs & resources required to respond to the SARs? Please provide Name, Title, Direct Email, Direct Phone Number.

Response

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

The 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 Subject Access Requests made to the police as these would be made to Police Scotland.

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland, as the constabulary responsible for policing across Scotland. Information on how to make a request to Police Scotland is available at –

[Freedom of Information - Police Scotland](#)

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.