



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

I would like to request data relating to your officers stop and search reasonable grounds performance from 2020 up until the present date. I would appreciate it if this could be expressed as a percentage i.e. 85% pass and the total number of searches this percentage covers. I would also appreciate it if this percentage pass/fail rate could also be expressed in the following ways: Overall Performance since 2020, separated by area command, separated by ethnicity and lastly the different figures separated by what powers of search were used i.e. S23 Misuse of drugs reasonable grounds pass rate 70% and S1 PACE 90%.

Can I also request some information into how each stop and search is reviewed and the process of doing that.

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 requested.¹

¹ 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 operational policing matters.

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at foi@scotland.police.uk

To assist, a link is provided to [Stop and Search](#) information on Police Scotland's website. This includes [published data](#).

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request 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@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](#) after seven days.