

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2015-1195



Sir Stephen House QPM  
Chief Constable

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**1. How many police stations/police front counter offices/local police/sub offices have closed in your force area since May 2010?** *(Clarification from the applicant stating that 'police front counter offices' means any offices which are public facing/accessible offices).*

A total of 31 police stations/ local police/ sub offices have closed in Scotland since May 2010.

There remains a total of 396 operational properties in Scotland

**2. How many police stations/police front counter offices/local police/sub offices are expected to close over the next five years?** *(Clarification from the applicant stating that 'police front counter offices' means any offices which are public facing/accessible offices).*

A review of Police Scotland estates is ongoing in order to enable Police Scotland to enhance service delivery by transforming our estate into one that is modern, flexible and fit for future policing across Scotland.

Further information, including a copy of the Estates Strategy, is available on the Scottish Policy Authority (SPA) website, accessible via the following link:

<http://www.spa.police.uk/news/265473/june/294348/#>

In terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

By way of explanation, there is no information held by Police Scotland which details a specific number of police stations which could close over the next five years.

However I can advise you that at this time no further closures have been approved by the SPA.

Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 01463 720555 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance, and within 40 working days of receiving this response, to

request a review of the decision. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; FOI Central Processing Unit, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH - [foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS - [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

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.

Yours sincerely,

**Donna Quick**  
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