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Dear Applicant

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

### **REQUEST DETAILS**

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 22 September in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

"This is a Freedom of Information request. I am interested in information from held by your organisation that relates to the process of planning and preparing for a possible future when the UK may not be a member of the European Union ("Brexit").

In particular:

1. How much has been spent on external consultants or support to advise on the implications and consequences of brexit, or recommend actions to mitigate any possible brexit impacts? If spend has occurred, please confirm the name of the supplier or suppliers and copies of any material produced by this process.
2. Please supply copies of any brexit planning documentation held by the organisation or consumed by senior management. This may include, but should not be limited to, Risk Assessments, Action Plans, Meeting minutes, Reports and presentations.
3. Please supply technical or advisory briefing documentation on brexit that has been produced by the organisation and supplied to other government agencies or bodies.
4. Please supply copies of any technical or advisory documentation that has been supplied to the agency from other public bodies that relates to Brexit contingency planning.
5. Please supply details of any assessment that has been made of the financial impact on the organisation, either positive or negative, of the brexit process. Has the organisation set-aside a contingency fund or invested as a direct consequence of the brexit process? If so, please provide summary details."

### **RESPONSE**

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is able to provide the following.

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In relation to Question 1 the SPA have not used any external consultants to advise on the implications of Brexit.

Therefore, this represents a notice in terms of:

- Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

In relation to Questions 2-4, the Scottish Police Authority is not an operational front line policing organisation. A number of our core services, including IT, HR and Procurement are delivered as a service back from Police Scotland, thus Brexit planning activities, where relevant, will be undertaken by Police Scotland. In terms of our duty to assist, you may wish to contact Police Scotland at <http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/>

In respect of Question 5, SPA has not undertaken any activities relevant to this question.

Therefore, this represents a notice in terms of:

- Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

SPA and Police Scotland have completed a questionnaire, attached, in respect of organisational readiness entitled 'Impact of EU withdrawal on public sector workforce' circulated by the Scottish Government and completed as a joint submission by the SPA and 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, and within 40 working days of receiving this response, to request a review of our actions and decisions. Should you wish to do so, please contact us at the following address, stating what has caused your dissatisfaction and what you require us to review:

Information Management, Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ-  
[FOI@spa.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FOI@spa.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 - [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal).

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

**SPA Information Management**

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