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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.

Follow up to FOI request 2019-1385. Do officers require authorisation before placing bits of paper in peoples door frames?

The placement of a piece of paper in someones door frame would not be deemed as surveillance and it therefore follows that the relevant authorisations for this purpose would not be required.

Please note, although such a tactic could potentially suggest to officers that someone *may* have entered a dwelling or property, this is not a definitive conclusion and *would not enable officers to attribute this action to, or identify a specific individual.*

Police Scotland conducts its covert operations in accordance with the relevant legislation which ensures compliance with the Human Rights Act 1998 and the principles of the European Convention on Human Rights. RIPA, RIP(S)A, Part III of the Police Act 1997 and the IPA 2016, provide a regulatory basis for the conduct of covert policing operations.

Because this is a negative response, I would again advise that Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 applies.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management – Highland & Islands Divisional Headquarters on 01463 720508 quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, 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@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

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.

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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 Office of 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 Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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