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Dear Keith Pringle,

I refer to your e-mail of 21 February 2021 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA):

*Has some kind of media blackout been assumed regarding allegations made against certain constables from the forres police office? The pirc review into this I know has been passed to yourselves for your consideration, however this seems to be the last we as the tax paying public have heard about it. Allegations of this kind are serious and worrying, especially when made against those and by those sworn to protect us the public. I trust some kind of announcement is to be made in the not too distant future in regard to this and that if prosecutions are to arise from this then names will be provided? The public deserve to know this, whether the allegations are proved or indeed proved to be malicious.*

The Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) can confirm that reports from the Police Investigations & Review Commissioner (PIRC), relating to a total of seven officers, are currently being considered by its Criminal Allegations Against the Police Division (CAAP-D). It is an ongoing investigation.

All allegations of criminal conduct by police officers acting in the course of their duties are reported to and investigated by CAAP-D, a specialist team within COPFS.

If you are dissatisfied with the COPFS response to your FOI request, you have the right to ask us to review it. Your review request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter; please e-mail [foi@copfs.gov.uk](mailto:foi@copfs.gov.uk) and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt.

The review will be undertaken by a member of the COPFS FOI unit who was not involved in the original consideration of your request.

Under section 47(1) of FOISA if the COPFS position is unchanged following a review you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of receiving the review.



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Under section 48(c) of FOISA that right of appeal might be limited as it can be subject to what information is requested. It is for the Scottish Information Commissioner to decide if he will accept your appeal on a case by case basis.

Yours sincerely

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