

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2015-1522 Review



Sir Stephen House QPM  
Chief Constable

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 - INTERNAL REVIEW**

In accordance with section 20(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I understand that you have requested an internal review of your original request for information, received 26 July 2015 on the basis that Police Scotland has, thus far, failed to respond to your request.

### **Original Request**

**I would like to know how the establishment of Police Scotland in 2013 has affected the nature of the operational relationship between the Scottish Police and Home Office Immigration Enforcement.**

**I would like to know if, since the formation of Police Scotland, there has been in change in:**

- a) Policy**
- b) Procedure**
- c) Practice**

**with regards to police attendance or assistance during Immigration Enforcement operations?**

**I would like to know on how many occasions per year from 2008 to the present day have Police Scotland (formerly Strathclyde Police division) attended or assisted Immigration Enforcement officers at Ensured Removal operations (also known as 'dawn raids'). Please provide a breakdown for each year from 2008.**

**I would like to know under which lawful authority does Police Scotland attend or assist Immigration Enforcement raids.**

**Was there ever a period in which Strathclyde Police or Police Scotland discontinued their assistance with Immigration Enforcement operations/Ensured Removal operations? If so, please outline when these periods occurred and any reasons for the discontinuation.**

My role is to consider your request and determine whether or not it has been handled in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

In terms of section 21(4)(c) of the Act, as Police Scotland has failed to offer a response within 20 working days, I must conclude that your request has not been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Please accept our sincere apologies in this regard and I understand that a response to your request has now been provided.

Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 01382 596657 quoting the reference number given.

If you remain dissatisfied following my review of this case, you then have six months in which you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner who can be contacted as follows:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610  
Email: [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,

**Claire Sturrock**  
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