

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2017-0381
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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.

I am asking for details of the legislation officers are taught. I was originally wanting details of all the legislation officers are trained in.

Clarification

All criminal law.

I can advise you that Police Scotland does not hold the requested information in the format you have specified. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

As you may be aware an individual can ask a Scottish public authority to provide any kind of recorded information. That said, if the requested information is not held at the date of submission and there is no easy way of retrieving it, there is no obligation on a public authority to collate and provide information.

In this instance Police Scotland do not hold a definitive list of all criminal legislation a police officer is trained in. The only way to answer the question would be:

- a) to release all lesson notes, which as advised in our response dated 16 January 2017 (IM-FOI-2016-2900), would attract an exemption under Section 33 (1) Commercial interests and the economy; or
- b) to have someone go through all of the lesson notes, for every course, noting details of the legislation, however, such a task would take in excess of the cost limitations prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under Section 12 (1) Excessive cost of compliance.

Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact Information Management - Glasgow on 01786 895862 quoting the reference number given.

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 (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH - 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. You can raise an appeal using the online service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal or by writing to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via email at 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.