



LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 1 April, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

“I wish to know if the SPA maintains a record of media reports about the activities of Police Scotland and if so, what is collected?”

Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request for information and can provide the following information.

The Authority does maintain a record of media reports related to the activities of Police Scotland.

The Authority has a contract with Onclusive media monitoring which supports the Authority to track and manage media reporting about a range of issues related to policing in Scotland. This covers print, broadcast and social media platforms. This contract allows the Authority to login and review coverage which is identified and focused on the Scottish Police Authority and key topics related to Police Scotland such as, funding, technology, policing mental health, children in custody or coverage about or quoting senior Police Scotland officers. Monitoring covers a 28-day period.

The Authority also maintains and distributes an e-mail to an internal distribution list summarising media and parliamentary interest in policing. This is issued Monday-Friday where resourcing allows.

In addition, the Authority has retained a small number of relevant media articles, downloaded from Onclusive or the internet, covering issues such as the welfare of those held in police custody, Police Scotland's use of taser, Police Scotland's approach to policing COVID-19 and the recruitment of Senior Police Officers.

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request to foi@spa.police.uk or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

This response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

SPA Corporate Management