



LETTER SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

26 August 2025

FOI Ref 2025/26-052R

Request

On 2 June 2025 you made a request for information to the Scottish Police Authority. In response to your request the Authority advised that it did not hold information but provided some information to assist you.¹

On 4 August 2025 you asked the Authority to review this decision.

Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA).

The decision has been reviewed by an independent reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process and we can confirm that the original decision is upheld for the reasons set out below.

The original response to your request explained that the Scottish Police Authority does not hold any information that would answer the question "has Police Scotland failed in their duty of candour by stating that "CDLOs are not mandatory".

The review sought is not in respect of this response, but in relation to the information which was provided to assist. Your request for review states that the Authority appears to be under the misapprehension that Controlled Drug Liaison Officers are neither statutory or mandatory.

This is not stated in the Authority's response. The response refers to the role of the Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer (CDAO), a role which has a legal basis in the Health Act 2006. A review of the Health Act 2006 and the Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations 2013 confirms no mention of Controlled Drug Liaison Officers.

¹ [let-20250627-foi-response-2025-26-024.pdf](#)

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Right to Review

If you remain dissatisfied, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@foi.scot 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

Scottish Police Authority

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