



SCOTTISH POLICE
AUTHORITY
ÙGH DARRAS POILIS NA H-ALBA

2 Clyde Gateway
French Street
Glasgow
G40 4EH

LETTER SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

6 October 2025

FOI Ref 2025/26-073

Request

Your request for information dated 18 September 2025 is copied below.

- All the names of previous chair persons of SPA.
- Their length of service within the role.
- Their professional background.

Response

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

For part one and two of your request, a list and associated appointment terms of those who have held the position of Chair, or Interim Chair, is provided below:

- Vic Emery: April 2013 - September 2015
- Andrew Flanagan: September 2015 - December 2017
- Susan Deacon: December 2017 – December 2019
- David Crichton (Interim Chair): December 2019 - January 2021
- Martyn Evans: February 2021 – January 2025
- Fiona McQueen (Interim Chair): February 2025 – April 2025
- Fiona McQueen: April 2025 – present

For part three of your request, the Authority can confirm that information is held for Fiona McQueen and Martyn Evans.

Fiona McQueen's [biography](#) is currently published on the Authority's website.

An early version of Martyn Evan's biography was found when searching for information relevant to your request. This is copied below:

Martyn Evans BA (hons) MA (econ) FRSA has accepted an invitation in April 2019 to become the Executive Chair of the Alex Ferry Foundation, a

OFFICIAL

new grant making philanthropic charity which aims to improve the lives of people who work or have worked in the UK shipbuilding, engineering and related manufacturing industries, as well as their families and dependents.

Martyn was previously Chief Executive of the Carnegie UK Trust for 10 years having been appointed in November 2009. The Trust is an independent endowed Foundation.

He was Director of the Scottish Consumer Council (SCC) from 1998 to 2009. Martyn was a visiting Professor of Law at the University of Strathclyde from 1995-2001.

Prior to taking up his post with SCC he was Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Advice Scotland for five years and Director of Shelter (Scottish Campaign for Homeless People) from 1987 to 1992.

Information for previous Members who held the position of Chair of the Authority may be available by contacting Scottish Government at contactus@gov.scot as recruitment, selection and appointment is a matter for the Scottish Government's Public Appointments team and ministers.

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you can ask for a review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to foi@spa.police.uk or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 2 Clyde Gateway, French Street, Glasgow, G40 4EH.

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@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

OFFICIAL