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LETTER SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

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Request

Your request for information dated 28 June 2025 is copied below.

As set out in the Police and Fire Reform (2012) Act the role of the Scottish Police Authority is to provide governance and oversight of policing in Scotland, in this context can you answer the following questions,

Are the Scottish Police Authority responsible for holding Police Scotland to account regarding its compliance with GDPR legislation?

If not the responsibility of the SPA who is the responsible body?

Response

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

The Scottish Police Authority has no jurisdiction in respect of governance or oversight for compliance with GDPR.

The Chief Constable of Police Scotland is a Data Controller in terms of the UK Data Protection legislation. The legislation is regulated by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). The Commissioner has the statutory powers to compel disclosure, issue fines or take court action if they believe that a Controller has failed to comply with the legislation

Further information can be found at [UK GDPR guidance and resources](#)

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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, 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@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