| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0933Responded to: 18 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please share a copy of policies, guidance, procedures and work instructions relating to Police Scotland handling of Child Protection Concerns in Fife.**

**In particular please ensure that these include details about Inter-Agency Referral Discussions / Multi-Agency meetings, the criteria for when information about a particular child is be shared by these mechanisms, the assessment criteria used for single-agency vs multi-agency response, how cases involving multiple children are handled, follow-up when additional information is available from an on-going investigation.
Please share the version of policies, guidance, procedures and work instructions that were in place in August 2024, plus any updated versions made since then.**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[**Child Protection SOP**](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/boxmpeao/child-protection-sop.pdf) and [**Child Protection - Inter-Agency Referral Discussions SOP**](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/l23d3qtb/child-protection-inter-agency-referral-discussions-sop.pdf)

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.