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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**My question really is about Police radios, when a police officer uses there police radio, are they radioing to like a big call centre or are they able to radio to specific people or maybe their base office if there is such a thing nowadays?**

**And my second question is, are the radio conversations recorded and able to be retrieved or are they stored then wiped after so long? Im not even sure if thats possible as im not sure how the police service could store all the radio messages it must get but as there is no body worn camera for our officers, i wondered if they make radio comms when they are out and about or during an incident, are these recorded and retrievable ?**

**Sorry if your not the person to ask, if not could you please point me in the direction of who i should be asking, i dont want any information or anything like that just really to see if police radios are recorded and retrievable as they dont have body worn cameras yet , i can see some forces in England do record and some dont, so i just wondered what do our Police Force in Scotland do with radio messages made by police officers, are they stored and retrievable or does the force not have such capacity to do that and messages are just there on the spot then gone?**

Airwave devices have several uses, including communication with the Area Control Room and the ability to contact individuals and/or specific teams. Airwave communications made between a Police Officer and the Control Room are recorded. These are stored for a retention period of six years plus the current year and are retrievable when required. After this retention period, they are no longer held or retrievable.

Some communications are not recorded, such as a Police Officer directly calling another Officers Airwave radio.

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) 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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.