| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-3179  Responded to: xx January 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to request the following information;

## The location of all buildings currently owned or occupied by your organisation.

It is necessary to split this response into two parts:

i) Turning first to our public facing police stations, the requested information is provided in the attached document – ‘23-3179 Information’ refers.

ii) In relation to buildings used for the purposes of covert operations (or similar), 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 following exemptions apply:

Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law enforcement

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would or would be likely to prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

Disclosure of the information sought regarding such properties would potentially lead to covert buildings being identified - thereby compromising their effectiveness entirely.

Section 39(1) - Health, safety and the environment

Disclosure would increase the risk to the personal safety of police officers and members of the public as a result of covert buildings being identified.

I recognise that public awareness would favour a disclosure as it would contribute to the public debate surrounding the overall nature of the estate owned and/or utilised by the Police.

I would however contend that the efficient/ effective conduct of the service and public safety favours non-disclosure as it cannot be in the public interest to release information that would prejudice law enforcement or which is likely to have an adverse impact upon public safety.

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.