| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0446  Responded to: 3 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1. How many adult survivors have lost their entitlement to receive a “widow’s pension” because they have either remarried or started to cohabit? Please provide the relevant data for each Police Force over the last ten years on a year-by-year basis.

## 2. How many adult survivors have had their pension reinstated in circumstances where they have divorced their new spouse or ceased cohabitation with their new partner? Again please provide the relevant data for each Police Force over the last 10 years.

## 3. What information is given to a widow when a widows pension first comes into payment? Please provide copies of the information provided.

## 4. What further information is sent to a widow once the pension is in payment? Please provide copies.

## 5. Do you send letters to widows periodically to verify they are still living alone and not remarried or cohabiting? If so please provide copies

## 6. Do you require a countersigned certificate to verify a widow has not remarried or cohabited? If so please provide copies.

## 7. If a widow remarries or cohabits, what information do you send to the widow? Please provide copies.

## 8. Do you send further letters to those whose pension has been withdrawn as a result of remarriage or cohabitation to verify their circumstances are still the same [i.e. they are still remarried or cohabiting]? If so please provide copies.

## 9. What information do you send a widow if a pension is reinstated? Please provide copies.

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold the above requested information.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, Police Scotland do not hold the above requested information. Scottish Police Authority and Scottish Public Pensions Agency are the owners of this data and may be able to help. Contact details for both agencies are provided below:

foi@spa.police.uk

SPPAFOI@gov.scot

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.