| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1299Responded to: 12 June 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## We are looking for any unpublished reports, or research done internally, regarding the potential use of Focused Deterrence interventions in [insert police force name] as a tactic/intervention to address serious violence among young people. Broadly speaking, this would be any intervention that includes provision of support to the offender if they agree to be in the program and desist; alternatively, they would be referred for police enforcement.

## Some more widely known examples of focused deterrence include the Community Initiative to Reduce Violence in Northampton and Glasgow and Operation Shield in London. More information on Focused Deterrence can be found on the College of Policing website: <https://www.college.police.uk/research/crime-reduction-toolkit/focused-deterrence-strategies>.

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, a search of our recording systems has not identified any relevant material.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/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.