



Freedom of Information Response

Our reference: FOI 24-1241

Responded to: 31 May 2024

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

I have received information that Police Scotland custody staff have been receiving training in Dr Gray's Hospital in psychiatric diagnosis, is this true. The person who phone me, said an officer was seen wearing scrubs in A&E?

They asked a member of staff who said they were being trained to be able to observe and evaluated detainees. Is this a new way to address the lack of trained psychiatric nurses in police custody, as at Kittybrewster and Fraserburgh custody suites.

Is this a new initiative? Who approved this innovation and is it a local or national scheme, is it covered by the memorandum of understanding.

Would it be possible to give me more information, or to confirm or deny this allegation.

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, there is no such approved training or policies and procedure that allow police officers to act as psychiatric nurses.

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, Dalrnarnock, 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](#), 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.

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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.