| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3232  Responded to: 10 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing to inquire about the process for obtaining information regarding the criminal convictions, if any, of a deceased individual.**

**Specifically, I would like to understand:**

**1. Whether it is possible to access such information.**

**2. The criteria or circumstances under which such a request might be granted.**

**3. The steps or documentation required to submit a formal request.**

In terms of section 17 of the Act, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

To explain, there are no procedures/ guidance documents that cover that scenario.

I can however advise you that in general terms, such information *would not* be disclosed in response to FOI requests.

I can only advise that if a request was in connection with any civil legal proceedings, it should be sent to our Legal Services team via [contactus@scotland.police.uk](mailto:contactus@scotland.police.uk).

Specifically, I can further advise that if a request is in connection with Redress proceedings, the applicant will be advised that the no information can be provided directly but that the Scottish Government can make a request to the Force in those circumstances.

Requests outwith those circumstances, for example from interested family members of the deceased etc, are typically treated as FOI requests in the absence of any other formal process and they are, for the most part refused due to privacy.

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.