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

## Can you also tell me if In Scotland there is a 9 week limitation on Child Protection Investigations.

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

There are no time limitations on police investigations and all matters will be investigated timeously and in accordance with the relevant SOPs:

[Child Protection - Inter-Agency Referral Discussions SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/l23d3qtb/child-protection-inter-agency-referral-discussions-sop.pdf)

[Child Protection SOP](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/boxmpeao/child-protection-sop.pdf)

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.