| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0765  Responded to: 20 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**The number of police stations that are currently the subject of review for potential closure in Police Scotland’s Estate Strategy. Please list each police station that is the subject of review.**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Police Scotland launches consultation and engagement on proposed estate disposals - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/news/2023/december/police-scotland-launches-consultation-and-engagement-on-proposed-estate-disposals/).

We can, however, advise that the objective of the Estates Masterplan is to create a modern fit for purpose estate that best serves our communities and our workforce. It is not cost saving, nor is it the reduction of police station numbers and the withdrawal from communities. We know that the nature of policing has and will continue to change. Investment should of course see some opportunity costs as buildings become cheaper to maintain and run.

The starting point for the master planning process was to develop an evidence base of the current condition, costs and need for every building across Police Scotland. Understanding the condition, associated costs and operational need provided a platform for engagement and operational understanding of what a future estate might look like. This review of all buildings across the Police Scotland estate will take some time.

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.