| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1454Responded to: 27 June 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Will the police prosecute Michael Mathieson for deliberately trying to defraud the public purse to the sum of £11,000?

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold information in the format requested.

In this instance you have requested a yes/no answer, not recorded information, accordingly, in terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

As you will be aware an individual’s right in terms of the legislation is to obtain information held by a public authority at the time a request is received and there is no obligation on them to create new information specifically for such a request.

By way of assistance, I would refer you to the statement Police Scotland previously issued, which stated:

“A complaint which had been received has been assessed and no further action will be taken by Police Scotland at this time.”

Finally, should you require additional information on the full investigation that was completed, I would advise that a information request should be submitted to the Scottish Parliament at:

foi.officer@parliament.scot

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.