| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 23-2665Responded to: 23 October 2023 |
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I refer to your recent correspondence seeking access to your own personal data.

Your request is technically a Subject Access Request(SAR)but on this occasion we have not passed it on to our Data Protection team as you state in your letter that it is not a SAR but an FOI request.

I would however advise you that SAR is the correct process for requesting personal data and you can refer to our [website](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/data-protection/subject-access-requests).

In terms of section 18 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether Police Scotland holds information about you.

The public interest overwhelmingly lies in protecting your right to privacy and an individual’s own personal information is exempt from disclosure in terms of the exemption at section 38(1)(a).

I understand that the statement above may seem confusing and/ or unhelpful in the circumstances but I would stress once again that this is the response to your FOI request only.

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.