| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3250  Responded to: 06 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

## 1. Public Licensing Vetting:

## • How many public transport licenses have been processed by Police Scotland in the past three years, in conjunction with Fife Council?

## • As part of the licensing process, how does Police Scotland verify the medical eligibility of applicants?

## • Are any checks conducted to identify whether applicants are on prescribed medications that are included on the government’s banned drugs list?

## 2. Oversight of Council Employees:

## • Does Police Scotland have a role in ensuring Fife Council employees who drive council vehicles are regularly vetted or tested for drugs and alcohol?

## • Are council drivers required to provide medical confirmation of their fitness to drive, including disclosure of prescribed medications?

I have interpreted your questions to relate to the management of council employees, and oversight of this by Police Scotland, as such, in response to all questions above, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, Police Scotland does not hold any responsibility over Fife Council employees, or the selection process regards eligibility of employment.

## 3. Testing Procedures:

## • How often does Police Scotland conduct roadside drug and alcohol tests in partnership with Fife Council?

## • Are council employees or drivers ever included in these roadside testing campaigns?

In response to the two questions above, I can advise that the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation Police Scotland do not conduct roadside drug and alcohol tests in partnership with Fife Council.

If Police Scotland were to conduct roadside campaigns, all drivers are subject to drug and alcohol testing if the circumstances dictate that a test should be undertaken.

## 4. Consistency of Standards:

## • Does Police Scotland have any policies or guidelines to ensure the same standards applied to public transport drivers and license holders are also applied to council employees operating vehicles?

The legislation that applies to all drivers, regardless of employment status is The Road Traffic Act 1988 sections 4, 5 and 5a.

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.

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