



Freedom of Information Response

Our reference: FOI 26-0820

Responded to: 09 April 2026

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

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I request the following information relating to Torvean Quarry, Inverness.

During a public stakeholder event held at UHI House, Inverness on 30 January, a presentation was delivered by DCI Craig Still of Police Scotland (Inverness) regarding *County Lines* activity. During that presentation it was stated that Torvean Quarry had been identified as a location associated with County Lines activity.

As this information was presented in a public forum, I am seeking further detail from Police Scotland records. I request the following:

- 1. A copy of the presentation delivered by DCI Craig Still on 30th January at UHI House, Inverness relating to County Lines activity.**

Please find attached separately the slides delivered by DCI Craig Still relating to County Lines activity in Inverness.

It should be noted that the case study contained within the presentation is a theoretical anonymised representation of a County Line and associated issues based on real world information.

- 2. Any briefing note, report, or summary document prepared by Police Scotland that references Torvean Quarry, Inverness in connection with County Lines activity.**
- 3. Any strategic or analytical assessment held by Police Scotland relating to County Lines activity within Inverness or the Highland Council area, where Torvean Quarry is referenced.**

In terms of section 18 of the Act, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland. Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

- It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held.
- If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure. In this instance, the following exemptions would be considered relevant:

Section 35(1)(a) & (b) - Law Enforcement

Section 39(1) - Health and Safety

If held, the disclosure of the requested information, would substantially prejudice the ability of Police Scotland with regards the prevention and detection of crime and the public safety considerations involved in the delivery of operational policing.

We accept there is a public interest in better informing the public of policing activities. However, disclosing whether information is held would compromise police tactics, the future law enforcement role of the force, the safety of individuals and put the public at risk. It is therefore considered that it would be contrary to the public interest to disclose whether information is held.

This explanation should not be taken as indicative or conclusive evidence that the information you have requested does or does not exist.

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](#), 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](#) 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.