



FOI Ref: 2016/020

17<sup>th</sup> August 2016

## **REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

I refer your request for information, received by email on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016. Your request has been managed under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Your specific requests and the relevant information held by the Park Authority are provided below.

### ***How many Police Officers (fte) does Police Scotland deploy in the National Park?***

*Police Scotland has seconded one full time Police Constable to the Authority and covers the Park area. The Authority does not hold information about numbers of police officers that Police Scotland may deploy in the National Park. This information would be held with Police Scotland.*

**“At a meeting held at at Strathard Community Halls, to discuss the camping proposals for the Strathard Area on the 4th July 2016. Gordon Watson stated that as part of Operation Ironworks, Rangers were aware of the schedules and whereabouts of ALL officers in the Park and were able to contact them directly should their assistance be required at an incident.**

### **Can you confirm this material change to your original response to the freedom of information request?”**

The Park Authority’s response to the question you have referenced from FOI response Ref 2015/001, dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016, which was sent in response to a different question from a different requester, remains correct.

The Park Authority does not hold information about the numbers and whereabouts of police officers that Police Scotland may deploy in the National Park. Mr Watson’s comments were about police patrols that are facilitated by the Operation Ironworks partnership between Police Scotland and the Park Authority. Our Rangers will know in general terms who is available to contact under the Operations Ironworks agreement with Police Scotland on any given weekend.

### **“Can you also confirm any agreed target response time?”**

There is no agreed target response time.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer  
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## **LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

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If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to the Governance & Legal Services Manager:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

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