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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 2845/2026

Thank you for your request for information regarding RPWs & ACRO Certificates, which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

I am requesting the following information from yourselves under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you answer the following questions:

1. When compiling ACRO police certificates, is the Scottish Criminal History System (CHS) used as a data source?
2. Are (Scottish) Recorded Police Warnings (RPWs) included on an ACRO Police Certificate?
3. If RPWs are not included, will an ACRO Police Certificate show as "No trace" or "No live trace" if a subject has only an RPW on their police record?
4. If RPWs are included, will the ACRO Police Certificate show any record of them after the RPW is expunged from the CHS after two years? And will this show as "No trace" or "No live trace"?

NPCC Response:

ACRO does hold information captured by your request.

1. Checks of the Scottish Criminal History System will be undertaken where an individual self-declares any residence or presence in Scotland.
2. The Scottish Warning is treated as a not-guilty adjudication and, as such, will not be disclosed on an ACRO Police Certificate.
3. If the Scottish Police Warning is the only entry on the Police Record, then following all checks, the certificate will be issued as No Trace.
4. As noted above, these are not disclosed on an ACRO Police Certificate because they are treated as a not-guilty adjudication.

Yours sincerely
Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Internal Review

Any request for an internal review will be acknowledged and responded to, based on the specific wording of your initial request only.

We ask that any rationale to request an internal review, does not include any requests for new information and ask that these be submitted by separate email. We will acknowledge as a new request and may aggregate to your initial request in compliance with the legislation.

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have been provided with in compliance with the Freedom of Information legislation, you can lodge a complaint with NPCC to have the decision reviewed within 40 working days of the date of this response.

The handling of your request will be looked at by someone independent of the original decision and a fresh response provided.

It would be helpful, if requesting a review, for you to articulate in detail the reasons you are not satisfied with this reply.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email to NPCC Freedom of Information, c/o PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 9FS.