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

## Please can you provide the following information relating to your detention and custody units.

## 1. Relating to the size of your detention and custody units.

## number custody units in your force

There are 71 custody units with Polie Scotland.

## total number of cells within all custody units

There are 889 cells within all custody units.

## number of cells within your largest custody unit

Kittybrewster – 60 cells.

## number of detention officers

## CLARIFICATION

## Can you confirm what you mean by detention officers? As we have varying roles within custody undertaken by police staff and police officers full time and part time.

## The number of officers (part or full time) who are responsible for carrying out checks on those in custody - i.e welfare checks or attending to individuals while held in custody units

Sergeant – 139

Police Constable – 311

Total Police Officers – 450

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.