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

**How many Police Scotland officers & staff were employed only in Open Source Investigation work at 1 January 2021?**

**How many Police Scotland officers & staff were employed only in Open Source Investigation work at 1 January 2022?**

**How many Police Scotland officers & staff were employed only in Open Source Investigation work at 1 January 2023?**

**How many Police Scotland officers & staff were employed only in Open Source Investigation work at 1 January 2024?**

**How many Police Scotland officers & staff were employed only in Open Source Investigation work at 1 January 2025?**

**How many Police Scotland officers & staff were employed only in Open Source Investigation work at 1 June 2025?**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, any officer could undertake open-source investigations.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.