

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0090
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

I am writing in relation to the number of officers currently deployed on the front line within Greater Glasgow division, as follows:

Divisional numbers as a whole. Those in departmental roles. Those in local policing roles. Those in local problem solving team roles.

I would also like a breakdown of ranks within the division from chief superintendent downwards, ie how many are in each rank.

Those in a function within the Criminal investigation department, only front line and not those who are office based

Please see the tables below which provides the number of officers in 'G division broken down by division, rank and section.

Police Scotland do not report if an officer is frontline as the deployment of police officers remains a matter for the Chief Constable, who will do so in the interests of operational efficiency and effectiveness. This is constantly monitored and officers deployed accordingly.

Rank	Full time equivalent (FTE)
Chief Superintendent	1
Superintendent	6
Chief Inspector	17
Inspector	73.835
Sergeant	285.643
Constable	1950.38
Total	2333.858

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Divisional Section Breakdown	Full time equivalent (FTE)
Area Command	66.462
CID	546.152
Community Investigation Unit	55.8
Community Policing	242.004
Divisional Alcohol Violence Reduction	35
Divisional Coordination Unit	132.856
Divisional Management	12
Glasgow Partnership	31.2
Response Policing	1191.384
SPC Probationers	21
Total	2333.858

Finally, how many times in the last calendar year has the division breached its minimum number of deployable resources.

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations. As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request. As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, Operational Base Levels (OBL) are set by each division, with one value per hour of the day, over 7 days of the week this equals 168 values per week. To gather the information requested would require an individual to review 168 hours for 52 weeks totally 8,736 values and then investigating where OBLs have not been met. If we estimate that it would take 5 minutes to check each value these would total over 700 hours and at a cost of £15 per hour would exceed the cost and time threshold set by ministers.

Details of police officer numbers are available at the following link:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/police-scotland-officer-numbers/>

Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact Information Management – Glasgow at foiglasgow@scotland.pnn.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

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You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

