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

**The numbers of new probationers recruited into Police Scotland in the past 12 months and also the number of probationers who have subsequently resigned within the same 12-month period.**

The table below details the number of new recruits from intakes from July 2024-May 2025 and the subsequent leavers from each intake.

Leaver’s figures are grouped by intake date rather than their leaving date.  For example, 10 probationers from the July 2024 intake have now left (though they did not necessarily leave in July).

| **Intake Date** | **Recruits** | **Leavers from intake** |
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| July 2024 | 253 | 10 |
| September 2024 | 130 | 6 |
| November 2024 | 253 | 9 |
| January 2025 | 124 | 5 |
| March 2025 | 124 | 4 |
| May 2025 | 68 | 0 |

**How much the training and recruitment process costs the taxpayer per recruit (to include medical professionals' costs, accommodation and training at Tulliallan for 13 weeks and equipment/uniform).**

The total cost for probationers throughout their initial 13 weeks in probationer training is £7,110.59. This total includes uniform, Tulliallan training, Modern Apprenticeship registration & first aid kit.

Recruitment costs vary each year but on average, we spend £65,000 on medical costs, £30,000 on Substance Misuse Testing and we recruit on average 800 per year.

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.