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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 Internet Intelligence & Investigations work at 1 January 2021?

## How many Police Scotland officers & staff were employed only in Internet Intelligence & Investigations work at 1 January 2022?

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Whilst staff within Cybercrime Investigations teams regularly conduct internet intelligence, this is in addition to their core role as investigators. Police Scotland do not have a role where this would be the only responsibility, as such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Notwithstanding, intelligence and uniformed officers with this specialist training are not all based within a single department, therefore, even if you were to refine your request and ask for numbers of officers who are able to perform Internet Intelligence & Investigations work as part of their duties, this would be an exercise that requires extensive research. I therefore estimate that this 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 the only way to accurately provide the information requested would entail reaching out to all divisions and business areas to determine who in their departments holds this specialist training, who carries out this particular work what proportion of their time is spent dealing with it. This is an exercise which would clearly exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulation.

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 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 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.