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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.

Please note that the Police Scotland [Substance Misuse Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\)](#) provides a framework for the prevention and management of substance misuse problems within Police Scotland.

The data provided is results from 'with cause' testing of Police Officers and Police Staff and **does not** include pre-employment testing.

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

**I would like to request the following information for Police Scotland, since 2018:**

**a) The number of Police Officers and Police Staff who have failed drug tests.**

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, I can confirm that there have been six employees who have failed 'with cause' tests.

**b) The number of Police Officers and Police Staff who have been discharged from duty due to a failed drug test.**

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, I can confirm that six employees resigned prior to formal misconduct or disciplinary proceedings being concluded.

**c) The number of Police Officers and Police Staff who have tested positive for androgenic-anabolic steroids (AAS) including designer steroids, prohormones and designer prohormones. Such as, but not limited to, the ones listed below:**

- **Boldenone undecylenate (Equipoise)**
- **Fluoxymesterone (Halotestin)**
- **Mesterolone (Proviron)**
- **Methandienone (Dianabol)**
- **Methenolone enanthate (Primobolan)**
- **Methyltestosterone (Virilon)**
- **Mibolerone (Cheque)**
- **Nandrolone decanoate (Deca Durabolin)**
- **Nandrolone phenpropionate (Durabolin)**
- **Oxandrolone (Anavar, Oxandrin)**

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- Oxymetholone (Anadrol)
- Stanozolol (Winstrol)
- Testosterone cypionate (Depotest)
- Testosterone enanthate (Andro-Estro)
- Testosterone propionate (Testex)
- Trenbolone acetate (Finajet)

**d) The number of Police Officers and Police Staff who have been discharged from duty due to testing positive for AAS.**

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, there has been no positive tests for AAS following 'with cause' testing.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.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. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto: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.