

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2721
Date: 4th January 2023



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.

In IM-FOI-2022-2447 you answered the following request:

'How many officers have retired in i) The calendar year 2022 so far (ii) The financial year 2022-2023 so far (iii) The last three full financial years and (IV) how many officers in total have indicated they will retire by the end of the 2022-23 financial year.'

You break the information down into three categories:

- 1. Retirement 25-30 years**
- 2. Retired on ill health**
- 3. Retired on pension**

I seek information on your pension scheme liability for (i) Retirement 25-30 years and (ii) Retired on Pension for the full financial year 01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020.

- 1. For this year, please provide your original and current total pension scheme liability estimates for:**

- 1. 110 officers - Retirement 25-30 years; and**
- 2. 501 officers - Retired on pension.**

According to the Daily Record:

'New pension rules – which came into place this year – allow cops to retire after serving 25 years instead of 30. That can mean lump-sum payouts of between £100,000 and £300,000 for all ranks up to chief superintendent. They can also retire on half their salary.'

- 2. Of the 456 officers (Retirement 25-30 years)- in the period 01/01/ 2022 – 31/10/2022, please provide the number who received lump-sum payouts. Please also state the total value of these payouts.**

In response to your request, I can advise you that Police Scotland does not hold the information you are seeking and as such, Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 has been applied.

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You may wish to direct your request to the Scottish Police Pension Agency (SPPA) via the below email address:-

SPPACommunications@gov.scot

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 or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalrnock, 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 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.