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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.

**Please supply the names of the officers who have held the substantive positions of deputy chief constable and assistant chief constable in Police Scotland since its formation in 2013 to the present day. Temporary promotions and cases of 'acting-up' can be ignored. This information is purely for historic research purposes to create a reference 'timeline'.**

I have considered your request for information and a list of the officers who hold, or have held, the posts of Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) or Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) in Police Scotland is provided in the table below, including the relevant timeline:

Start date	Rank	Forename	Surname	In Service	Date left service
10/12/2007	ACC	William	Skelly	N	29/11/2013
01/01/2008	DCC	Gordon	Meldrum	N	27/01/2015
30/03/2009	ACC	Fiona	Taylor	N	07/04/2013
06/04/2009	ACC	John	Mauger	N	31/08/2016
01/06/2011	ACC	Michael	McCormick	N	31/03/2015
03/12/2012	DCC	Iain	Livingstone	Y	
03/12/2012	DCC	Rose	Fitzpatrick	N	30/06/2018
07/12/2012	DCC	Neil	Richardson	N	25/07/2016
09/01/2013	DCC	Stephen	Allen	N	05/12/2015
09/01/2013	ACC	Malcolm	Graham	Y	
10/01/2013	ACC	Wayne	Mawson	N	23/10/2018
10/01/2013	ACC	Bernard	Higgins	N	31/12/2021
01/04/2013	ACC	Andrew	Cowie	N	17/01/2018
01/04/2013	ACC	Derek	Penman	N	30/01/2014
01/04/2013	ACC	Ruaraidh	Nicolson	N	31/10/2016
06/04/2015	ACC	Kathleen	Thomson	N	25/08/2016
06/04/2015	ACC	Valerie	Thomson	N	30/09/2016
06/04/2015	ACC	Derek	Robertson	N	31/03/2016
16/05/2016	ACC	John	Hawkins	Y	
23/05/2016	ACC	Mark	Williams	Y	
23/05/2016	ACC	Steve	Johnson	Y	

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10/10/2016	DCC	Robin	Gwynne	N	15/03/2019
22/05/2017	ACC	Nelson	Telfer	N	04/11/2018
25/06/2018	ACC	Angela	McLaren	N	06/12/2020
25/06/2018	ACC	Gillian	MacDonald	N	21/01/2020
25/06/2018	ACC	Alan	Speirs	Y	
02/07/2018	DCC	Fiona	Taylor	Y	
01/09/2018	DCC	Will	Kerr	Y	
27/05/2019	ACC	Kenneth	MacDonald	Y	
27/05/2019	ACC	Gary	Ritchie	Y	
27/05/2019	DCC	Malcolm	Graham	Y	
06/07/2020	ACC	Judith	Heaton	N	19/12/2021
06/07/2020	ACC	Timothy	Mairs	Y	
28/02/2022	ACC	Andrew	Freeburn	Y	
28/02/2022	ACC	Emma	Bond	Y	
28/02/2022	ACC	Rebecca	Smith	Y	

If you require further assistance or 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](mailto: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. 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.