

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0163
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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.

How many staff have made the force aware that they have Long Covid? Please break the figure down to show any categorisations (i.e. officers, call handlers) of staff who have Long Covid to date.

How many of these staff have been signed off work by their doctor for any period of time due to Long Covid.

In response to your request, I can advise the following.

The data presented has been extracted from Police Scotland's System to Co-ordination Personnel and Establishment (SCOPE) database.

No. of employees absent with 'COVID-19 – Post Covid Syndrome'		
	Police Officer	Police Staff
April 2020 – March 2021	20	16
April 2021 – December 2021	45	19

This data has been extracted for individuals who are categorised under the absence reason 'COVID-19 – Post Covid Syndrome' which is used for employees who have had a Covid related absence for more than 12 weeks.

It is possible that an individual has been categorised absent with 'Post Covid Syndrome' for a period of time before another diagnosis is reached.

Please note that it is possible that the same individuals counted in the 2020/21 data have remained absent and are also included in the 2021/2022 data.

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

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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 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.

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