| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-3123Responded to: 1 October 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please supply details of the number of police Scotland officers, who are physically and mentally fit for duty, who are being paid but are not required to work remotely or in person

## The details should be supplied for the last 12 months either monthly, quarterly, weekly or whatever period the reports are prepared for management.

## The details should also include the number of each rank of officer and statistics regarding the average time they have had that status.

This was later clarified to

## Please supply details of officers suspended with pay…

I can confirm the number of police officers suspended for the period 1st January 2024 – 8th September 2025 are as follows:

| **Year**  | **Number of suspensions** |
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| 2024 | 54 |
| 2025 | 45 |

Officer suspensions are managed in accordance with our [Suspension Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/3mbmetbo/suspension-from-duty-sop.pdf) and officers are paid for the duration of their suspension.

## […] and officers who are not suspended but are not required to report for work.

## A youtuber alleged that 586 Police Scotland officers are not required to report for duty to save money on shift allowances.

## I want to know if Police Scotland is paying officers for doing nothing to save money.

With the exception of rest days, annual leave, special leave (compassionate leave etc.), maternity/ paternity, parental leave etc., there are no circumstances whereby officers considered fit for duty would not be required to work.

The information sought is therefore not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

Furthermore, I can confirm that Police Officers are not paid a shift allowance.

It is important to note that the above reasons do not provide any financial savings.

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](https://www.foi.scot/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.