| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1649Responded to: 5th June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Under the FOI legislation, can you tell me how many police stations have been closed since the inception of Police Scotland?

In response to your request, I must first of all advise you that there is no requirement to record when a Police Station is closed. As such, in terms of section 17, the information you are seeking is not held.

To be of some assistance, the table below details the number of police stations which have been sold since 2014.

Scotland’s policing estate has been built up over the course of several decades and some buildings are no longer in the right place or operationally fit for purpose.

Many Police Station sales were as a result of properties declared surplus by Legacy Forces although the sales occurred post-formation of Police Scotland. The majority of these decisions, which took place prior to the formation of Police Scotland, were taken after lengthy and detailed consultation with our partners and local communities and this process remains the same today.

In the vast majority of cases, Police Stations which were closed were moved to new modern co-located accommodation within the same towns or officers were moved to new Police Stations nearby.

| **Year** | **Police Stations Sold** |
| --- | --- |
| 2014  | 5 |
| 2015 | 11 |
| 2016 | 10 |
| 2017 | 14 |
| 2018 | 11 |
| 2019 | 26 |
| 2020 | 6 |
| 2021 | 6 |
| 2022 | 9 |
| 2023 | 4 |
| 2024 | 7 |
| 2025 to date | 3 |

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.