

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1801  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022



## 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.

**I have been able to find the number of police officers in Scotland but I could not find the number of Police Staff. I am looking for yearly data for the period 2002 until 2021.**

**Could you kindly provide me with such data?**

Police Scotland was formed on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 and prior to this date the information requested was held on legacy force police databases. In line with Police Scotland's [Record Retention policy](#) the historical records are no longer held.

As such, I can advise you that in terms of Section 17 of the Act Police Scotland does not hold the information requested by you.

The table below provides the number of Police Staff FTE since the creation of Police Scotland to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Financial Year	Police Staff FTE
2013/2014	5987.06
2014/2015	5542.04
2015/2016	5504.91
2016/2017	5275.80
2017/2018	5199.593
2018/2019	5502.115
2019/2020	5709.575
2020/2021	5746.985
2021/2022	5743.043
2022 – 30/06/2022	5763.184

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.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.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.